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## Abbreviations

AG	Australian Greens	CID	Consideration in detail stage (House of Representatives)
ALP	Australian Labor Party [Govt]	Dft	Draft bill
CLP	Country Liberal Party [Opp]	ED	Exposure draft
FFP	Family First Party	PM	Private member's bill
Ind	Independent	PS	Private senator's bill
LP	Liberal Party of Australia [Opp]	R	Restored to <i>Notice Paper</i>
Nats	The Nationals [Opp]	S	Senate bill
		SBC	Senate Selection of Bills Committee
		SC	House of Representatives Selection Committee

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### **PM** [Abolition of Age Limit on Payment of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Bill 2011](#)

(Introduced by Mrs Bronwyn Bishop – LP)

Amends the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* to abolish the current age limit of 70 years for the payment of the superannuation guarantee.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 28/2/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/3/11, 26/5/11  
SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

### [Acts Interpretation Amendment Bill 2011](#)

Amends: the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* to restructure the Act by: co-locating and listing alphabetically definitions; ensuring powers in relation to instruments apply to all types of instruments; enabling section 19B and 19BA Orders to apply retrospectively; providing that an action by a minister other than a minister authorised to perform that action is not invalid merely on that basis; clarifying actions done by a person purporting to act under an appointment; providing that everything in an Act should be considered part of the Act; and modernising concepts; the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* in relation to the construction of legislative instruments; and 248 Acts to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 25/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 46, 2011**

**Aged Care Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Aged Care Act 1997* in relation to: consumer protection for accommodation bonds paid to aged care services; and Complaints Principles replacing Investigation Principles; and *Aged Care Act 1997*, *Health Insurance Act 1973* and *National Health Act 1953* to remove redundant provisions. Also repeals the *Aged or Disabled Persons Care Act 1954* and the *Nursing Home Charge (Imposition) Act 1994*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 2/6/11  
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 22/6/11  
SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference  
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Assent: 26/7/11; Act No. 86, 2011**

**PS [Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment \(Aircraft Crew\) Bill 2011](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Air Navigation Act 1920* and *Civil Aviation Act 1988* to provide that an Australian airline, or a subsidiary of an Australian airline, is not issued an international aviation licence unless it provides the same wages and conditions to overseas-based flight and cabin crew operating its flights as if they were directly employed by the airline.

**Senate:** Intro. 17/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 17/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): Bill referred to Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee; report due 21/11/11

**PM [Air Services \(Aircraft Noise\) Amendment Bill 2011](#)**

(Introduced by Mrs Moylan – LP)

Amends the: *Air Services Act 1995* to: require Airservices Australia (AA) to consult and cooperate with government, sectors of the aviation industry and communities when modifying or creating flight paths; require AA to provide a complaints mechanism during the consultation process; provide that AA publish details of consultations; provide that AA must request the minister to appoint a Community Aviation Advocate to represent communities possibly affected by changed flight paths; provide for the composition of the AA Board; and require AA to include details of any complaints in the annual report; and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to require the minister to appoint a Community Aviation Advocate in certain circumstances.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 4/7/11; Read a 1st time 4/7/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

**PS [Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*, *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* to: establish the Responsible Advertising of Alcohol Division within the Australian Communications and Media Authority to monitor the advertising of alcohol; limit the times at which alcohol products are advertised on radio and television and impose a penalty for breaches; and provide for labelling standards for alcohol products.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**PS     Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Ludlam – AG)

Amends the: *Criminal Code Act 1995* to: insert a new definition of ‘terrorist act’; remove the offences of ‘reckless possession of a thing’, sedition, and associating with a terrorist organisation; amend the reference to ‘fostering the doing of’ a terrorist act in the definition of ‘terrorist organisation’; provide for terrorist organisations to be prescribed in regulations; and amend the ‘supporting’ offence; *Crimes Act 1914* to: remove ‘investigative dead time’ from the calculation of dead time; and remove the presumption against bail for certain offences; and *Australian Security Information Organisation Act 1979* in relation to the questioning and detention of terrorism suspects. Also repeals the *National Security Information (Criminal and Civil Proceedings) Act 2004*.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2010-2011**

Appropriates additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the government, in addition to the appropriations provided for by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2010-2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 3/3/11

SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 25/3/11

**Assent: 31/3/11; Act No. 7, 2011**

**Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2010-2011**

Appropriates additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, in addition to the appropriations provided for by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2010-2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 3/3/11

SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 25/3/11

**Assent: 31/3/11; Act No. 8, 2011**

**Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012**

Appropriates money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the government.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/5/11; Passed 21/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 69, 2011**

**Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2011-2012**

Appropriates money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure. Also amends the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911* to: increase the cap on the face value of stock and securities that can be on issue under the Treasurer's standing borrowing authority to \$250 billion; remove the requirement for the Treasurer to declare that there are special circumstances before increasing the cap; and create two special appropriations for costs and expenses incurred by the Commonwealth in relation to the issue or sale of stock and the repurchase and redemption of stock prior to maturity.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/5/11; Passed 21/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Assent:** 29/6/11; **Act No. 70, 2011**

**Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2011-2012**

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/5/11; Passed 21/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Assent:** 29/6/11; **Act No. 71, 2011**

**PM** **Assisting the Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Mr Abbott – LP)

Establishes a framework to provide financial assistance to persons or their next of kin who are injured or killed as a result of an international terrorist act.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 21/2/11; Discharged from *Notice Paper* 24/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**PS** **Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Brandis – LP)

Establishes a framework to provide financial assistance to persons or their next of kin who are injured or killed as a result of an international terrorist act.

**Senate:** Intro. 26/11/10; Discharged from *Notice Paper* 10/5/11

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**PM** **Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Oakeshott – Ind)

Amends the *Auditor-General Act 1997* to: require the Auditor-General to audit a sample of agency performance indicators annually; enable the Auditor-General to undertake assurance reviews other than audits of agencies, authorities, companies and their subsidiaries; and provide that claims of legal professional privilege do not override the Auditor-General's information-gathering powers.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 28/2/11; 2nd reading agreed to 7/7/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**PS** **Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010** — *see* Territories Self-Government Legislation Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment of Laws) Bill 2011

### **Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Australian Civilian Corps Act 2011*)

Establishes the Australian Civilian Corps (to work in crisis environments overseas for specified periods) and provides for the employment and management of Corps employees.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 28/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 15/11/10; Passed 21/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee; report tabled 17/11/10

Committee amendments: 9 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 22/3/11]

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 18, 2011**

### **Australian Energy Market Amendment (National Energy Retail Law) Bill 2011**

Establishes a national regime for the regulation of non-economic distribution and retail regulation of gas and electricity by amending the: *Australian Energy Market Act 2004* to: apply the National Energy Retail Law and the National Energy Retail Regulations in Australia's offshore areas; provide that the Australian Energy Regulator, the Australian Energy Market Commission, the Australian Competition Tribunal and the minister undertake a range of functions and powers to regulate the energy retail regime; *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* to provide that decisions made under the regime are subject to judicial review; and *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 17/8/11

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish the Carbon Farming Initiative, the bill provides for: the purposes and functions of the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units; rules for opening and closing accounts in the registry; different types of registry accounts; procedures and requirements relating to Kyoto and non-Kyoto international units in the registry; publication of information; voluntary cancellation of emissions units; prevention or rectifying non-compliance with registry requirements; and merits review of decisions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SC report no. 18 (tabled 24/3/11): Bill referred to House Climate Change, Environment and the Arts Committee; report tabled 23/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/8/11

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 20/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11; final report presented 27/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11

Committee amendments: 2 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 23/8/11]

**Australian Research Council Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2010**

(Act citation: *Australian Research Council Amendment Act (No. 1) 2011*)

Amends the *Australian Research Council Act 2001* to: apply indexation adjustments for existing schemes for the financial years starting 1 July 2010, 2011 and 2012; and set an additional funding cap for the financial year starting 1 July 2013.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/11/10; Passed 3/3/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 21/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 14/10 (tabled and adopted 18/11/10): No reference

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 30, 2011**

**Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills, the bill imposes a levy on certain entities regulated by the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) to enable AUSTRAC to recover the costs of its supervisory activities from 1 July 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 30/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 21/6/11

SBC report 6/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/6/11; report tabled 20/6/11

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 54, 2011**

**Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills, the bill: enables the collection and administration of the supervisory cost recovery levy; imposes a penalty for late payment; and provides for the levy or late payment penalty to be waived in certain circumstances.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 30/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 21/6/11

SBC report 6/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/6/11; report tabled 20/6/11

Committee amendment: 1 Opp/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendment 22/6/11]

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 55, 2011**

### **Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills, the bill amends the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* to provide: the administrative procedures for enrolment and maintenance of the Reporting Entities Roll; and for penalties for failure to enrol or maintain the enrolment record.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 30/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 21/6/11

SBC report 6/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/6/11; report tabled 20/6/11

Committee amendments: 1 Opp (as amended)/passed; 1 Ind (Xenophon)/negatived

[House agreed to Senate amendment 22/6/11]

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 56, 2011**

### **Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011*)

Modelled on the *Charter of the United Nations Act 1945*, the bill provides a framework for Australia to implement autonomous sanctions which may be applied to specific governments, individuals or entities, or specific goods and services that are responsible for, or involved with, a situation of international concern.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 27/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 28/10/10; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/11/10; report tabled 3/3/11

**Assent: 26/5/11; Act No. 38, 2011**

### **S Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [2011]**

(Act citation: *Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991* to: create three offences and penalties; and increase penalties for a number of existing offences; and *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* and *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* in relation to the powers of Australian Federal Police members to investigate offences committed at certain airports.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 18/11/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 16/11/10

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/11/10; Passed 9/2/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

**Assent: 2/3/11; Act No. 1, 2011**

**Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Air Cargo) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* in relation to: accredited air cargo agents; transport security programs; certification of cargo; security training requirements; and strict liability offences.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 12/5/11; 2nd reading adjourned 12/5/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**PS Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Banking Act 1959* to require authorised deposit-taking institutions for a 24-month period to: not increase variable interest rate loans and mortgages by more than the Reserve Bank interest rate increases; and not decrease variable interest rate loans and mortgages by less than the Reserve Bank interest rate decreases.

**Senate:** Intro. 18/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 18/11/10

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**PM Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG)

Amends the *Banking Act 1959* to: require banks to offer basic transaction accounts and to limit other fees to cost recovery; provide that transactions at a bank's own-branded ATMs are free of charge; cap charges for the use of a bank's ATMs by customers of another authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI); require ADIs to offer fixed interest gap loans and mortgages; cap mortgage and loan exit fees at cost recovery; and require uniform identification of exit fees in advertising and in mortgage and loan contracts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 22/11/10

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**PS Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services) Bill 2010 (No. 2)**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Banking Act 1959* to: require banks to offer basic transaction accounts and to limit other fees to cost recovery; provide that transactions at a bank's own-branded ATMs are free of charge; cap charges for the use of a bank's ATMs by customers of another authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI); require ADIs to offer fixed interest gap loans and mortgages; cap mortgage and loan exit fees at cost recovery; and require uniform identification of exit fees in advertising and in mortgage and loan contracts.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

**PM Banking and Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Mobility and Flexibility) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG)

Amends the: *Banking Act 1959* to: impose certain conditions on authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs) in relation to the transfer of personal transaction accounts; and require ADIs that offer term deposits to provide certain information when those deposits are due for reinvestment; and *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009* to: require credit contracts to expressly include advice of any unjust transactions and unconscionable interest and other charges; and provide for the termination of mortgage indemnity insurance contracts when the related mortgage is terminated and the rebate of associated premiums.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/8/11; Read a 1st time 22/8/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

**PS Bankruptcy Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the Bankruptcy Regulations 1996 to provide that payments made under the Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package on or after 1 July 2010 are exempt from bankruptcy proceedings where a final order in bankruptcy has not been finalised by the courts or the debts paid.

**Senate:** Intro. 5/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 5/7/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report due 21/9/11

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

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the: *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to provide that a notice to amend the anti-siphoning list does not come into effect until the expiration of six sitting days of each House of Parliament after the notice is tabled in that House; and *Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice (No. 1) 2004* to remove the expiry date from the current anti-siphoning list.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 23/11/10

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Dividend and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and *Radiocommunications Act 1992* to provide the Australian Communications and Media Authority with planning and enforcement powers for the implementation of the re-stack of digital television channels and the realisation of digital dividend spectrum; and *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*, *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, *Copyright Act 1968* and *Radiocommunications Act 1992* in relation to: the operation of the digital television services provided by the satellite service licensed under section 38C of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*; and other digital television matters.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 23/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/3/11; correction presented 25/3/11 and tabled 10/5/11

2nd reading amendments: 1 AG/passed; 1 AG/negated

**Assent: 26/5/11; Act No. 36, 2011**

- PS**     **Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)  
Repeals the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005* and *Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Act 2005*.  
**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference
- Dft**     **Business Names Registration Bill 2011**  
Proposes a national business names registration system to be administered by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.  
**Senate:** Draft tabled 6/7/11  
Reference: Draft referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 6/7/11; report presented 15/8/11 and tabled 16/8/11; additional comments tabled 22/8/11
- Business Names Registration Bill 2011**  
Part of a package of three bills in relation to business names, the bill establishes a national business names registration system to be administered by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.  
**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 17/8/11  
**Senate:**  
SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference
- Dft**     **Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011**  
Proposes to impose a tax for chargeable matters in relation to the proposed national business names registration system.  
**Senate:** Draft tabled 6/7/11  
Reference: Draft referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 6/7/11; report presented 15/8/11 and tabled 16/8/11; additional comments tabled 22/8/11
- Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011**  
Part of a package of three bills in relation to business names, the bill imposes fees for chargeable matters in relation to the national business names registration system.  
**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 17/8/11  
**Senate:**  
SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference
- Dft**     **Business Names Registration (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011**  
Proposes to make: transitional arrangements in relation to the proposed national business names registration system; and consequential amendments to 11 Acts.  
**Senate:** Draft tabled 6/7/11  
Reference: Draft referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 6/7/11; report presented 15/8/11 and tabled 16/8/11; additional comments tabled 22/8/11

**Business Names Registration (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills in relation to business names, the bill makes: transitional arrangements in relation to the national business names registration system; and consequential amendments to 11 Acts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 17/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference

**Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish the Carbon Farming Initiative, the bill provides for: the types of abatement projects eligible for Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs); requirements for recognition as an offsets entity; eligibility for offsets projects; participation by holders of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land; characteristics of methodology determinations; permanence arrangements for sequestration projects; reporting requirements for offsets projects; a framework for auditing offset reports; the issue and exchange of ACCUs; monitoring and enforcement powers; merits review of decisions; the establishment and functions of the Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee and the Carbon Credits Administrator; and the publication of information and the treatment of confidential information.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SC report no. 18 (tabled 24/3/11): Bill referred to House Climate Change, Environment and the Arts Committee; report tabled 23/5/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 7 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/8/11

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 20/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11; final report presented 27/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated; 1 Ind (Xenophon)/negated

Committee amendments: 13 Govt/passed; 2 AG/passed; 3 Ind (Xenophon)/passed; 10 Opp/negated; 11 Ind (Xenophon)/negated; 4 Ind (Xenophon)-Opp/withdrawn

[House agreed to Senate amendments 23/8/11]

**Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish the Carbon Farming Initiative, the bill amends the: *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* to provide that financial institutions and other persons who buy Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs) are subject to reporting and other obligations; *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the regulation of financial services for ACCUs; *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* and *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* to provide for the appropriate exchange of information between administrators; and the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* to extend the arrangements for reporting transfer certificates beyond 30 June 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SC report no. 18 (tabled 24/3/11): Bill referred to House Climate Change, Environment and the Arts Committee; report tabled 23/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/8/11

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 20/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11; final report presented 27/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11

**PM Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Abbott – LP)

The bill: provides for a national plebiscite to be held by 26 November 2011 to ascertain whether the electorate supports the introduction of a price on carbon; requires the Electoral Commissioner to provide the minister with a statement of the results of the plebiscite; and requires the minister to table the statement in both Houses of Parliament.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 4/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/8/11

**PS Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011 [No. 2]**

(Introduced by Senator Abetz – LP)

The bill: provides for a national plebiscite to be held by 26 November 2011 to ascertain whether the electorate supports the introduction of a price on carbon; requires the Electoral Commissioner to provide the minister with a statement of the results of the plebiscite; and requires the minister to table the statement in both Houses of Parliament.

**Senate:** Intro. 21/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/6/11, 7/7/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): No reference

**PM Charter of Budget Honesty Amendment Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Hockey – LP)

Consequent on the Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998* to remove the requirement for the Leader of the Opposition to request the Prime Minister to refer costings of election commitments to the Departments of the Treasury and Finance.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/8/11; Read a 1st time 22/8/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

**Child Support (Registration and Collection) Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* to: enable certain powers of the Child Support Registrar to be delegated to persons outside the Department of Human Services; and update certain criminal penalty provisions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 7/7/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report presented 19/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11  
Committee amendment: 1 Ind (Xenophon)/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendment 7/7/11]

**Assent: 4/8/11; Act No. 88, 2011**

**PS Choice of Repairer Bill 2010**

**R** (Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Requires motor vehicle manufacturers to provide access to information and diagnostic tools to the vehicle repair, servicing, replacement parts and accessories sectors.

**Senate:** Intro. 24/6/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/6/10

SBC report 10/10 (tabled and adopted 24/6/10): Consideration deferred  
Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 30/9/10

**Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Civil Dispute Resolution Act 2011*)

The bill: requires civil litigants to take genuine steps to resolve disputes before legal proceedings are instituted in the Federal Court or the Federal Magistrates Court; sets out the powers of court in relation to the genuine steps requirements and awarding costs; and provides that certain categories of legal proceedings are excluded proceedings.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 20/10/10

**Senate:** Intro. 25/10/10; Passed 23/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 22/11/10; report presented 2/12/10 and tabled 9/2/11

Committee amendments: 2 Govt/passed; 1 clause negated (Govt); 29 Opp/negated

[House agreed to Senate amendments 24/3/11]

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 17, 2011**

**Combating the Financing of People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* to: extend the regulatory regime for remittance dealers and providers of remittance networks; and expand the agencies with which Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) can share financial intelligence; *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* and *Privacy Act 1988* to enable reporting entities to use credit reporting data to verify the identity of their customers; and *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988* to enable the Chief Executive Officer of AUSTRAC to exempt a person from provisions of the Act.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 9/2/11; Passed 22/3/11  
SC report no. 12 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11  
Committee amendment: 1 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendment 22/6/11]

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 60, 2011**

**PS [Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Creates the independent statutory position of Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People and provides for: the functions and general powers of the position; terms and conditions and staffing support; regular and annual reporting requirements; and a review of the operation of the Act after a two-year period.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; order varied 26/10/10: bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 26/10/10; report tabled 12/5/11

**PS [Commonwealth Electoral \(Above-the-Line Voting\) Amendment Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to repeal provisions relating to group voting tickets and provide for preferential above-the-line voting for Senate elections.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010**

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to: reduce the disclosure threshold to \$1000; require certain persons making gifts at or above the threshold to furnish returns within specified time periods; ensure that for the purposes of the disclosure threshold related political parties are treated as one entity; prohibit the receipt of a gift of foreign property and certain anonymous gifts by registered political parties, candidates and members of a Senate group; provide that public funding of election campaigning is limited to the lesser amount of either the actual electoral expenditure or the amount awarded per vote where the four per cent threshold is satisfied; include five additional categories of electoral expenditure in relation to the rental of premises, payment of additional staff, purchase and hire of office equipment, consumables and running costs for equipment and travel and accommodation; prevent sitting members of Parliament from claiming electoral expenditure if allowances, entitlements or benefits received are used to meet that expenditure; extend existing recovery powers; and introduce new offences and penalties and increase penalties for existing offences.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/10/10; Passed 17/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 17/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 17/11/10

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

**PS Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Tobacco Industry Donations) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to create offences to prohibit political parties or candidates from receiving donations from manufacturers or wholesalers of tobacco products.

**Senate:** Intro. 15/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 15/6/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): No reference

**PS Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Ludlam – AG)

Repeals the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005* and makes a consequential amendment to the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

### **Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011**

Amends the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to: prohibit the private disclosure of pricing information to a competitor; prohibit disclosure of that or other information if the disclosure is made to substantially lessen competition; provide that the prohibitions only apply to goods and services prescribed by regulations; provide exceptions to the prohibitions; and extend existing authorisation and notification regimes to enable businesses to obtain immunity from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission from the prohibitions where a public net benefit results.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 7/7/11

SC report no. 19 (tabled 11/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 7 Govt/passed; 1 Opp/negated; 1 AG/negated

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

### **Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* in relation to the: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) consideration of acquisitions in local markets (including creeping acquisitions); ACCC'S consideration of multiple markets when assessing mergers; and reform of the prohibition on anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions; *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, in response to recommendations of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee, to: insert a statement of interpretative principles into the unconscionable conduct provisions; and provide that the statutory concept of unconscionable conduct is consistently applied to both consumers and businesses; and *Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Act (No. 2) 2010* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/6/11; Passed 17/8/11

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): No reference

### **PM Competition and Consumer (Price Signalling) Amendment Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Mr Billson – LP)

Amends the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to prohibit corporations from engaging in price signalling.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/11/10; Read a 1st time 22/11/10; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

SC report no. 8 (tabled 24/11/10): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

### **ComSuper Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish governance arrangements for Commonwealth superannuation schemes, the bill establishes ComSuper as a statutory body and provides for: the terms and conditions of employment, functions and powers of the Chief Executive Officer; staff and consultants; and finance and reporting requirements.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 15/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 21/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 57, 2011**

**PS Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the: *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009* to provide that: credit fees or charges relating to credit contracts must be reasonable; and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission may apply for a court order to annul or reduce a credit fee or charge it determines not to be reasonable; and *Banking Act 1959* to require the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to prohibit banks with a market share of more than 10 per cent from imposing early termination fees in relation to loan agreements or mortgage contracts.

**Senate:** Intro. 21/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/6/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report due 14/9/11

**Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Director and Executive Remuneration) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Corporations Act 2001* to: provide for a ‘two strikes and re-election’ process when a company’s remuneration report receives a 25 per cent or more ‘no’ vote in two consecutive years; require the company board or remuneration committee to approve any remuneration consultancy contract; require remuneration consultants to report to non-executive directors or the remuneration committee; require remuneration consultants and boards to declare a recommendation is made free from undue influence; require companies to disclose certain details relating to a remuneration consultant; prohibit directors and executives from voting their shares on remuneration resolutions; prohibit hedging of incentive remuneration; require shareholder approval for declarations of ‘no vacancy’ at annual general meetings; require that non-chair proxies vote as directed when they vote on a poll; and confine disclosures in the remuneration report to key management personnel.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 12/5/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

CID amendments: 4 Govt/passed; 4 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): No reference

Committee amendments: 4 Opp/negated; 1 AG/negated

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 42, 2011**

**Corporations and Other Legislation Amendment (Trustee Companies and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to: Australian Securities and Investments Commission approved (compulsory and voluntary) transfers of estate assets and liabilities; ‘compulsory’ transfers of business to a public trustee; ministerial approval for listing a trustee company; holding out as a licensed trustee company; the term ‘authorised trustee corporation’; common funds and registered schemes; arm’s length transactions; fee regulation; drawing down of fees from income or capital; and reasonable fees being charged for tax return preparation; and *Payment Systems (Regulation) Act 1998* to provide that anything done by a payment system participant when complying with an ATM access regime as determined by the Reserve Bank of Australia is exempt from Part IV of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 3/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 21/3/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 24, 2011**

### **Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Corporations (Fees) Act 2001* to provide that Australian licensed financial market participants (such as stockbrokers and derivative traders) may be charged fees so that costs incurred by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in performing market supervisory functions can be recovered.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Consideration deferred

### **S Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [2011]**

(Act citation: *Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: align the dismissal powers of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) Chief Executive Officer to deal with serious misconduct and corruption with those of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) Commissioner; *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* to enable the ACC to appoint part-time examiners; *Crimes Act 1914* to: extend searches conducted under warrant powers that apply in relation to premises to searches in relation to persons; provide when certain seized documents must be returned; provide for orders for things seized and documents produced; and provide police with a standing power to take fingerprints and photographs of arrested persons; and *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* to enable the AFP Commissioner to authorise payments to AFP appointees in special circumstances. Also provides for an independent review after a two-year period of the ACC's dismissal powers.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 18/11/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 17/11/10

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/11/10; Passed 10/2/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

**Assent: 2/3/11; Act No. 2, 2011**

### **Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011**

Amends: the *Customs Administration Act 1985* and *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* to include the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service within the jurisdiction of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity; the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* and *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* to: allow the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to commence litigation on proceeds of crime matters on behalf of the Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce; allow the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Commissioner of the AFP to transfer matters already commenced between themselves; give courts a discretion when calculating the amount of a pecuniary penalty order to take into account tax paid after proceeds of crime proceedings are commenced; and align the production order provisions with unexplained wealth provisions; the *Family Law Act 1975* to enable courts to take account of Commonwealth, state and territory forfeiture applications when determining a person's property for the purpose of property settlement and spouse maintenance proceedings; and 10 Acts to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): Order varied: Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 23/8/11

**Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010**

Amends the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to enable Australia to ratify the Convention on Cluster Munitions by: creating offences and penalties in relation to cluster munitions and explosive bomblets; providing for defences for certain circumstances; and providing for certain authorisations to be made.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 27/10/10; Passed 18/11/10

SC report no. 5 (tabled 28/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 22/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 22/11/10

SBC report 13/10 (tabled and adopted 28/10/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee; report presented 25/3/11 and tabled 10/5/11

**PS Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends Part XVB of the *Customs Act 1901* to: provide that the importer of goods which are subject to anti-dumping applications bears the onus of proof to prove that the goods have not been dumped or subsidised for export into Australia; provide a presumption that where dumping and material injury have been proven, the material injury is the result of the dumping; enable new or updated information to be provided at various stages; allow supporting evidence for an application for dumping to be provided 90 days prior; enable preliminary affirmative decisions to be initiated once an investigation is started; allow consultation with industry experts as part of the investigation and review processes; and enable decisions to be referred to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for appeal. Also provides for an independent review of the first two years of the operation of the amended Part.

**Senate:** Intro. 2/3/11; 2nd reading adjourned 2/3/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

**Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Customs Act 1901* to: provide that the minister will make a decision within 30 days of receiving a report or recommendation on which to make a decision; provide that the minister may consider any impacts on jobs and investment in the domestic industry producing like goods during an investigation to determine whether material injury to an Australian industry is being caused or is threatened; reflect all countervailable subsidies under the World Trade Organization Agreements on Subsidies and Countervailing and on Agriculture; and enable industry associations, unions and downstream industry to participate in anti-dumping and countervailing investigations.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 18/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Customs Act 1901* to: enable the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Customs to recommend, and the minister to declare, that anti-dumping measures be revoked at the end of a review; and provide for a revocation test outlining when the CEO may recommend that the minister revoke anti-dumping measures.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 25/5/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

### **Customs Amendment (Export Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Customs Act 1901* in relation to: goods that are no longer for export; directions for the movement and storage of goods subject to Customs control; the suspension of an authority to deal; compliance requirements for warehouse licences; and reporting requirements for cargo on board a ship or aircraft that is lost or wrecked; and *Customs Act 1901* and *Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997* in relation to compliance requirements for depot licences.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 22/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 63, 2011**

### **Customs Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Customs Act 1901* to provides for changes to the rules of origin requirements in Article 3 of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement resulting from a review of the rules completed in 2010.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 6/7/11

**Senate:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): No reference

### **Customs Amendment (Serious Drugs Detection) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Customs Act 1901* to enable Customs officers, using prescribed equipment, to undertake an initial internal non-medical scan of a person suspected to be internally concealing a suspicious substance.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 23/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 22/6/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

Committee amendment: 1 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendment 4/7/11]

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 78, 2011**

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**Customs Tariff Amendment (2012 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* as a result of the fourth review by the World Customs Organization of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, by effecting changes required by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (relating to food security), the Rotherdam Convention (relating to hazardous chemicals and pesticides), and the Montreal Protocol (relating to halogenated hydrocarbons).

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 26/7/11; Act No. 85, 2011**

**Customs Tariff Amendment (Taxation of Alternative Fuels) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of four bills to apply an energy content based taxation to certain alternative fuels, the bill amends the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to: set the customs duty rates applying to certain alternative fuels from 1 December 2011; and calculate the duty payable on blended goods.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 14/6/11

SC report no. 20 (tabled 12/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 1/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 65, 2011**

**Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Facilitates Australia's accession to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime by amending the: *Telecommunications Act 1997* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to require carriers and carriage service providers to preserve stored communications when requested by certain domestic agencies or when requested by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on behalf of certain foreign countries; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: ensure that a foreign country can secure access to stored computer data, including preserved data; and allow a stored communication warrant to be obtained for foreign law enforcement purposes; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987*, *Telecommunications Act 1997* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: enable existing telecommunications data to be provided to a foreign law enforcement agency on a police to police basis; and enable the collection of prospective telecommunications data for foreign law enforcement purposes in certain circumstances; *Telecommunications Act 1997* to provide that carriers and carriage service providers can recover costs incurred when assisting foreign law enforcement agencies; *Criminal Code Act 1995* to provide that computer offences are consistent with the Convention; and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: create confidentiality requirements in relation to authorisations to disclose telecommunications data; and expand offence provisions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 24/8/11

SC report no. 26 (tabled 23/6/11): Bill referred to Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety; report tabled in House and Senate 18/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): No reference

- PM**    **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG)  
Amends the *Defence Act 1903* to provide for parliamentary approval of overseas service by members of the Australian Defence Force.  
**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; Removed from *Notice Paper* 23/8/11  
SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference
- PS**    **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2010 [No. 2]**  
(Introduced by Senator Ludlam – AG)  
Amends the *Defence Act 1903* to provide for parliamentary approval of overseas service by members of the Australian Defence Force.  
**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10, 7/7/11  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference
- PS**    **Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Ronaldson – LP)  
Amends the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973* to index Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits scheme and Defence Force Retirement Benefits scheme superannuation pensions.  
**Senate:** Intro. 18/11/10; Negatived at 3rd reading 16/6/11  
SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference  
2nd reading amendments: 1 Opp/passed; 1 Ind (Xenophon) (as amended by AG)/passed (reference to committee—*see* below); 1 AG/negatived  
Reference: Bill, Opp amendments (circulated on sheet no. 7027) and a related matter referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee 24/3/11; report tabled 10/5/11  
Committee amendments: 5 Opp/negatived
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**  
Amends the *Air Force Act 1923*, *Defence Act 1903* and *Naval Defence Act 1910* to provide the Chief of the Defence Force with: the authority to issue directions to the Service Chiefs in relation to the administration of their respective cadet schemes; and a delegation making power in relation to cadet responsibility and direction.  
**House of Representatives:** Intro. 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11  
**Senate:**  
SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference

**Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Defence Act 1903* to: provide that certain members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) may use reasonable and necessary force in the event of an attack on ADF premises; establish a statutory regime of search and seizure powers to operate at ADF premises; update and relocate the trespass offence and related arrest power; authorise the ADF to use overt optical surveillance to monitor the security of ADF premises; and require the disclosure of information captured by such devices to law enforcement agencies and public prosecution authorities; and *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* and *Defence Act 1903* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 26/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 27/10/10; Passed 21/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/11/10; report tabled 2/3/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 19, 2011**

**PS [Drink Container Recycling Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

The bill: requires producers, distributors and industry groups to submit to the minister a beverage container stewardship plan to manage the collection and recycling of beverage containers; sets minimum recovery rates for containers; requires public consultation on draft plans; and provides for annual reporting.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**[Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment \(Registration Charges Consequential\) Bill 2011](#)**

Introduced with the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Registration Charges) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* to make consequential amendments to implement the rebased annual registration charge to be payable by Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students registered providers.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

- S**     **Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [2011]**  
(Act citation: *Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Act 2011*)  
Amends the: *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* in relation to: the registration process for approved providers; financial penalties; and the publication of certain information; *Ombudsman Act 1976* to enable the Ombudsman to: provide an independent complaints body for overseas students of private registered providers; provide advice and training to private registered providers to facilitate best practice complaint handling; and review and investigate complaint handling and report on systemic issues; and *Privacy Act 1988* to enable the Australian Information Commissioner to transfer certain complaints to the Overseas Students Ombudsman.
- Senate:** Intro. 27/10/10; Passed 10/2/11  
SBC report 13/10 (tabled and adopted 28/10/10): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/11/10
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 21/2/11; Passed 21/3/11
- Assent:** 8/4/11; **Act No. 11, 2011**

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

Introduced with the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Registration Charges Consequential) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Act 1997* to: rebase the compulsory annual registration charge payable by all Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered providers; and replace the initial registration charge payable by registered providers with an annual entry to market charge.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment and Prisoner Voting) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment and Prisoner Voting) Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* to: provide that the electoral roll closes seven days after the date of the writ for a federal election (*Rowe v Electoral Commissioner* [2010] HCA 46); prevent certain prisoners from voting at federal elections (*Roach v Electoral Commissioner* (2007) 233 CLR 162); and provide that certain prisoners may remain on, or be added to, the electoral roll; *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to provide that certain references still apply when a half Senate election is held independently from an election of the House of Representatives; and *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* in relation to certified lists of voters for referenda.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/11/10; Passed 3/3/11  
SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference  
CID amendments: 5 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 11/5/11  
SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): No reference  
Committee amendments: 5 Opp/negated

**Assent:** 25/5/11; **Act No. 29, 2011**

**Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Provisional Voting) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* to provide that provisional voters are not required to provide evidence of identity.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 23/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): No reference

Committee amendments: 2 Ind (Xenophon)/passed; 3 Ind (Xenophon)/negated

[House agreed to Senate amendments 11/5/11]

**Assent: 26/5/11; Act No. 37, 2011**

**Electronic Transactions Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999* to enable Australia to accede to the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts 2005 to provide certainty and commercial predictability when electronic communications are used in the formation or performance of contracts between parties located in different countries.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 9/2/11; Passed 24/3/11

SC report no. 12 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 33, 2011**

**Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Amendment Bill 2011**

Part of a package of four bills to apply an energy content based taxation to certain alternative fuels, the bill amends the *Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Act 2004* to continue the grant arrangements for biodiesel and renewable diesel beyond 30 June 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 14/6/11

SC report no. 20 (tabled 12/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 1/6/11

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

Committee amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 66, 2011**

**PM Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Abolition of Alpine Grazing) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG)

Amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to deem that the minister has: received from the Victorian government a referral of its proposal to trial cattle grazing in the Alpine National Park; and decided that the trial of alpine grazing is unacceptable.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 28/2/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**PS Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Colbeck – LP)

Amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to provide that bioregional plans are disallowable instruments which are subject to the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

**Senate:** Intro. 2/3/11; 2nd reading adjourned 2/3/11, 16/6/11, 23/6/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 24/3/11; interim report presented 27/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11; extension of time for final report 14/6/11; report tabled 15/6/11

**PS Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senators Siewert and Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to create an offence of providing any service, support or resources to organisations engaged in whaling.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 23/11/10; report presented 25/3/11 and tabled 10/5/11

**PM Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Public Health and Safety) Amendment Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Mr Hartsuyker – Nats)

Amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to enable the minister to approve the relocation of the flying fox colony in Maclean, New South Wales (NSW), upon completion of state approval by the NSW Government.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; Passed 10/2/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10; correction tabled 18/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; 2nd reading adjourned 28/2/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**PS Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Ludlam – AG)

The bill: establishes the national Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme; enforces and imposes civil penalties on persons or body corporates for breaches of the scheme; provides for an annual report on the operation of the proposed Act; and contains a regulation making power.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10, 3/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**PM Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Act 2011*)

(Introduced by Mr Wilkie – Ind)

Amends the: *Evidence Act 1995* to extend protection to confidential communications between journalists and their sources by: presuming the communication is not subject to disclosure unless established as necessary or that public interest concerns outweigh the disclosure; and extending this privilege to all professional confidential relationships and to all prosecutions for Commonwealth offences heard in all Australian courts; and *Family Law Act 1975* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 18/10/10; Passed 28/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 15/11/10; Passed 3/3/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/passed (reference to committee—*see* below)

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 15/11/10; report tabled 23/11/10

Committee amendments: 2 AG/passed; 2 Opp/negatived; 1 AG/negatived

[House agreed to Senate amendments 21/3/11]

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 21, 2011**

**PS Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 (No. 2)**

(Introduced by Senator Brandis – LP)

Amends the *Evidence Act 1995* to extend protection to confidential communications between journalists and their sources by: presuming the communication is not subject to disclosure unless established as necessary or that public interest concerns outweigh the disclosure; and extending this privilege to all professional confidential relationships and to all prosecutions for Commonwealth offences heard in all Australian courts.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 15/11/10; report tabled 23/11/10

SBC report 14/10 (tabled and adopted 18/11/10): Committee noted reference (*see* above)

**Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Petroleum Excise (Prices) Act 1987* to: clarify that failure to provide petroleum producers with written notification of a Volume Weighted Average of Realised (VOLWARE) price determination does not affect the making of the determination; and provide that producers may seek a review within 28 days of receiving written notice of a final VOLWARE price determination.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 23/8/11

SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report tabled 16/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* to provide: that the area encompassed by the 'Rankin Trend' located within the North West Shelf is a prescribed condensate production area; and for the making of regulations to extend the area of the Rankin Trend to include additional reservoirs or groups of reservoirs.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 23/8/11

SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report tabled 16/8/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Excise Tariff Amendment (Taxation of Alternative Fuels) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of four bills to apply an energy content based taxation to certain alternative fuels, the bill amends the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* to: set the excise duty rates applying to certain alternative fuels from 1 December 2011; and calculate the duty payable on blended goods.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 14/6/11

SC report no. 20 (tabled 12/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 1/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 67, 2011**

### **Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Extradition Act 1988* and *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* to enable Federal Magistrates to perform functions under these Acts; *Extradition Act 1988*, *Migration Act 1958* and *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* in relation to privacy and information disclosures relating to extradition and mutual assistance processes; *Extradition Act 1988* to: limit the jurisdiction to review extradition decisions to the Federal Court of Australia; enable a person to waive the extradition process in certain circumstances; provide that Australia may refuse extradition when a person may be punished, or discriminated against, upon surrender on the basis of their sex or sexual orientation; limit the factors the minister is required to consider before giving a notice accepting an extradition request; enable persons to consent to being extradited for a wider range of offences; enable the minister to give a legally enforceable undertaking as to the maximum sentence that could be imposed on a person before the person is extradited to Australia; enable a person to be prosecuted in any circumstances when Australia has refused extradition; make technical amendments relating to notices; extend the availability of bail in extradition proceedings; and make technical amendments; *Extradition Act 1988* and *Migration Act 1958* to exempt certain conduct from the definition of “political offence”; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* to: expand the application of the grounds of refusal to a mutual assistance request from a foreign country; provide that evidence may be taken before an Australian magistrate for live transmission by video link back to a court in a foreign country; and enable non-conviction based proceeds of crime and non-conviction based foreign restraining orders to be registered at the request of any country; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: provide that lawfully intercepted and accessed information is only provided to foreign countries in certain circumstances; and require the minister to report annually on the provision of this information; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* to enable Australia to make and receive requests relating to the use of surveillance devices; *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and *Crimes Act 1914* to enable forensic material to be obtained from a person in relation to a foreign serious offence at the request of a foreign country; and *Migration Act 1958*, *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987* and *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* to make miscellaneous and technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 6/7/11

SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee

**Senate:**

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **PS Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the *Fair Work Act 2009* to: provide 26 weeks government-funded paid parental leave for all eligible Australian parents at the level of the federal minimum wage, or average wage, with a right to return to work; and make consequential amendments.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to effect three private health insurance tiers, the bill amends the *Age Discrimination Act 2004*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*, *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and *Taxation (Interest on Overpayments and Early Payments) Act 1983* to reduce the amount of private health insurance rebate eligible taxpayers with complying private health insurance are entitled to when their income for surcharge purposes is above the relevant Medicare levy surcharge threshold.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to effect three private health insurance tiers, the bill amends the *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to increase the rate of Medicare levy surcharge for certain taxpayers who do not have complying health insurance and whose income for surcharge purposes is above the relevant Medicare levy surcharge threshold.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to effect three private health insurance tiers, the bill amends the *A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Act 1999* to increase the rate of Medicare levy surcharge for taxpayers who do not have complying health insurance and whose income (including reportable fringe benefits) for surcharge purposes is above the relevant Medicare levy surcharge threshold.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Social Security Act 1991* to provide that only Australian residents qualify for disability support pensions; *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to provide that leave payments are included when calculating income concessions; provide that the work bonus rules apply to couples who receive separate income support payments from different agencies; and respond to recommendations of the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs report *Building trust: Supporting families through Disability Trusts* by reducing the work capacity and trust purpose requirements for special disability trusts; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to provide that students studying overseas full-time are treated for family tax benefit purposes similarly to full-time students studying in Australia; and *Social Security Act 1991* and *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/10/10; Passed 18/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

CID amendments: 3 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 22/11/10; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 13/10 (tabled and adopted 28/10/10): Provisions of:

Schedules 2 and 3 of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/11/10

Schedule 4 of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 9/2/11

Committee amendments: 4 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 11/5/11]

**Assent: 26/5/11; Act No. 34, 2011**

### **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to expand eligibility for the seniors' work bonus to pensioners; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*, *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and *Social Security Act 1991* to increase family assistance by up to \$4200 a year for families with teenagers undertaking full-time secondary study or a vocational education equivalent; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to enable eligible baby bonus claimants to access a larger portion of the baby bonus upfront from 1 July 2011; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to ensure that annuity payments made from the Thalidomide Australia Fixed Trust are not taken into account as income; and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* in relation to income management arrangements.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 22/3/11

SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 50, 2011**

**Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to provide for: modified arrangements for advance payments of family tax benefit (FTB); and the payment of FTB Part A supplement for a child turning four conditional on that child receiving a health check prior to starting school; *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* to determine a parent's taxable income by using their previous taxable income, indexed by growth in wages, when a tax return has not been lodged; *Social Security Act 1991* to require payers of compensation to notify Centrelink of proposed payments of compensation; and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*, *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 31/5/11

CID amendments: 8 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): Schedule 4 of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee upon introduction in Senate (16/6/11); report tabled 22/6/11

Committee amendments: 1 Govt/passed; 1 Schedule negated (Govt); 2 AG/negated

[House agreed to Senate amendments 22/6/11]

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 53, 2011**

**PS Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)

Amends the *Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Act 2007*, *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* and *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Act 2007* so that: provisions of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* prevail over the Acts; the Acts do not authorise conduct inconsistent with the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*; the Acts and any acts done under them are intended to qualify as special measures; and any acts done, decisions made or discretion exercised under the Acts must be consistent with the intended beneficial purpose of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* to: lower the maximum child age of eligibility for family tax benefit (FTB) Part A from 24 to 21 years of age from 1 January 2012; and pause indexation for the: higher income free area for FTB Part A; FTB Part B income limit; and baby bonus income limit; *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* to extend the commencement date for indexation of the paid parental leave income limit; *Social Security Act 1991* to require people to test their future work capacity by participating in training or work-related activities in order to qualify for the disability support pension; *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to enable income management to continue in the Cape York area for another 12 months; and *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to clarify that the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* does not apply to Aboriginal Land Trusts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

SC report no. 23 (tabled 2/6/11): Bill referred to House Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee; report tabled 14/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 3 AG/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/6/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee 2/6/11; interim report presented 3/6/11 and tabled 14/6/11; extensions of time for final report 14/6/11, 20/6/11; final report tabled 22/6/11

Committee amendments: 2 AG/negated; 1 Schedule opposed (AG)/Schedule agreed to; 1 item opposed (AG)/item agreed to

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 52, 2011**

**Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* and *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Management System and Other Measures) Act 2007* in relation to the recovery of fee reductions, enrolment advances and business continuity payments paid to approved child care services; *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Act 2010* to make a technical amendment; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* in relation to the effect of a child's absence from the care of an approved child care service on the eligibility of an individual for child care benefit for that child; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, *Child Care Act 1972* and *Social Security Act 1991* to clarify the definition of family assistance law; *Age Discrimination Act 2004*, *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* and *Student Assistance Act 1973* to enable disclosure of information about education and care services for the purposes of the Education and Care Services National Law; and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* in relation to: the secretary's power to refuse a child care service's approval for the purposes of family assistance law; the requirement to comply with child care laws; and the recalculation of child care benefit fee reductions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 11/5/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 4/7/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 79, 2011**

**Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010**

Amends the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* to set the annual child care rebate limit at \$7500 for four income years from 1 July 2010.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 23/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; Passed 24/8/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Committee amendments: 4 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 25/8/11]

**Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Financial Viability) Bill 2011**

Amends the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to: provide for the assessment and monitoring of the financial viability of large long day care centre operators of approved child care services; and authorise the secretary to engage an audit expert to carry out an independent audit of a centre operator if there are concerns about its ongoing financial viability.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 15/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Rebate) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to provide for fortnightly child care rebate payments for individuals who are eligible for child care benefit by fee reduction; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, the proposed *Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other Measures) Act 2011* and *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Management System and Other Measures) Act 2007* to make amendments consequential on the commencement of the proposed *Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other Measures) Act 2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 22/3/11; Passed 22/3/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 21/4/11; Act No. 25, 2011**

**Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Family Law Act 1975* to protect children and families at risk of violence or abuse by: prioritising the safety of children in parenting matters; including harmful behaviour in the definitions of 'abuse' and 'family violence'; requiring family consultants, family counsellors, family dispute resolution practitioners and legal practitioners to prioritise the safety of children; placing additional reporting requirements on certain parties to provide evidence to courts; and state and territory child protection authorities participating in family law proceedings where appropriate; and *Bankruptcy Act 1966* and *Family Law Act 1975* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 30/5/11

SC report no. 19 (tabled 11/5/11): Bill referred to House Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee; report tabled 12/5/11

CID amendments: 10 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/11

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extensions of time to report 15/6/11, 16/8/11, 18/8/11; report tabled 22/8/11

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

Amends the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* to: vary the way the Commonwealth makes goods and services tax payments to states participating in the National Health and Hospitals Network (NHHN) Agreement; replace the National Healthcare Specific Purpose Payment with a special payment for participating states; provide for additional top-up payments from the 2014-15 financial year to be paid to participating states; create a NHHN Fund; specify conditions for payments made through the Fund; and impose additional conditions on the minister when making determinations which relate to the Agreement.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 27/10/10; Passed 24/11/10

SC report no. 5 (tabled 28/10/10): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 9/2/11; Discharged from *Notice Paper* 16/8/11

SBC report 13/10 (tabled and adopted 28/10/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 9/2/11

**Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011**

Amends the: *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* to move the details for corporate plans of a government business enterprise into the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Regulations 1997; *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to: provide for sunset and disallowance arrangements of various legislative instruments; provide that Chief Executive's instructions are not legislative instruments; and clarify that the external auditor of a Financial Management and Accountability Act agency is the Auditor-General; *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to make consequential amendments; *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999*, *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* and *Science and Industry Research Act 1949* to make technical amendments; *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008* to expand the circumstances in which amounts can be credited to the Wheat Exports Australia Special Account; and *Wine Australia Corporation Act 1980* to provide: when the Wine Australia Corporation must provide an annual operation plan to the responsible minister; and that members are appointed to the Geographical Indications Committee for no longer than three years.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/6/11; Passed 23/6/11  
Main Committee CID amendment: 1 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 4/7/11; Passed 7/7/11  
SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference  
Committee amendment: 1 Ind (Xenophon)/negated

**Assent: 4/8/11; Act No. 89, 2011**

**PS [Food Safety \(Trans Fats\) Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)

The bill: prohibits the manufacture, distribution, offering for sale, selling or otherwise trading in food containing synthetic trans fatty acids; and retains the right of state and territory governments to develop their own complementary or alternative regulatory regime.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**PS [Food Standards Amendment \(Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material\) Bill 2010](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind and Senator Siewert – AG)

Amends the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* to require Food Standards Australia New Zealand to develop and approve labelling standards to be used by food producers, manufacturers and distributors of food containing genetically modified material.

**Senate:** Intro. 16/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 16/11/10  
SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 15/6/11; report tabled 24/8/11

- PS**    **Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2011**  
 (Previous title: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010)  
 (Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind and Senator Bob Brown – AG)  
 Amends the: *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* to require Food Standards Australia New Zealand to develop and approve labelling standards to be used by food producers, manufacturers and distributors of food containing palm oil; and *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to include the use of palm oil in the characteristics of any goods for the purposes of misleading conduct as to the nature of goods.
- Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 23/6/11  
 SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference  
 SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 9/2/11; report tabled 16/6/11  
 Committee amendments: 4 Ind (Xenophon)-AG/passed
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 4/7/11; Read a 1st time 4/7/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting  
 SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee
- PS**    **Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010**  
 (Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind and Senator Milne – AG)  
 Amends the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* to: implement a national interest test to be applied against proposed foreign acquisitions of agricultural land; require any interest in agricultural land greater than five hectares to be notified to the Treasurer; require online publication of information about foreign acquisitions of interest in agricultural land; and impose penalties for not notifying the Treasurer of a proposed acquisition.
- Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/10  
 SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 16/6/11
- Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2011**  
 Part of a package of three bills to establish governance arrangements for Commonwealth superannuation schemes, the bill: merges the Australian Reward Investment Alliance, the Military Superannuation and Benefits Board and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority into a single trustee body – the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), and sets out its functions and powers; establishes a governing board of CSC; allows CSC to employ staff and engage consultants; and provides for finance and reporting requirements.
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 15/6/11  
 CID amendments: 12 Opp/negated
- Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 21/6/11  
 SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference  
 Committee amendments: 14 Opp/negated
- Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 59, 2011**

**PS Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to: prohibit the use of public money for advertising government policy unless it has been enacted in legislation, or both Houses of Parliament have agreed to the expenditure by resolution, or, in a national emergency, the minister has obtained the Leader of the Opposition's consent to the expenditure; and provide for a penalty for any breach.

**Senate:** Intro. 21/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/6/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee; report due 21/9/11

**Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Act 2011*)

Amends the *Health Insurance Act 1973* to: enable the Chief Executive Officer of Medicare Australia to require certain documents to be produced by a medical practitioner during a compliance audit; and provide that a medical practitioner unable to substantiate an amount paid for a service may be liable to pay a penalty.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/11/10; Passed 3/3/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 21/3/11

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**Assent: 8/4/11; Act No. 10, 2011**

**Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2010**

Amends the: *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to: allow higher education providers to impose an annual capped compulsory student services and amenities fee of \$250 from 1 January 2011; establish the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP): Services and Amenities-HELP (SA-HELP) to enable eligible students to access a loan for the fee; and require higher education providers that receive funding for student places under the Commonwealth Grants Scheme to implement National Access to Services Benchmarks.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 18/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): Bill referred to House Education and Employment Committee; report tabled 15/11/10

**Senate:** Intro. 22/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 22/11/10

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

### **Higher Education Support Amendment (Demand Driven Funding System and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to: remove the annual caps on Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding; change the way in which higher education providers are eligible for that funding; abolish the student learning entitlement; require higher education providers to enter into mission-based compacts with the Commonwealth; and require higher education providers to uphold free intellectual inquiry in relation to learning, teaching and research.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 23/6/11  
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated  
CID amendments: 3 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 4/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 4/7/11  
SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

### **S Higher Education Support Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to make administrative changes to the FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP programs by: requiring the minister to be satisfied that a body corporate is 'fit and proper'; providing flexibility in the 'principal purpose' requirements; enabling the minister to give qualified approvals; providing for procedural fairness before a provider's approval is suspended; and including new decisions which are subject to review.

**Senate:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 15/6/11  
SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Assent:** 29/6/11; Act No. 72, 2011

### **PM Home Insulation Program (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Hunt – LP)

Establishes the Commission of Inquiry into the Home Insulation Program and provides for: the functions and powers of the commission; offences relating to the giving of evidence before the commission; matters relating to the operation of the commission; and the commission to present its findings and any recommendations by 1 November 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 21/3/11; Negated at 2nd reading 2/6/11

### **Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill imposes a levy on manufactured horse feed and worm treatments for horses, to enable the horse industry to repay amounts paid by the Commonwealth on behalf of the horse industry in response to an emergency animal disease outbreak affecting horses.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11  
Main Committee CID amendments: 2 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill: enables the collection and administration of a horse disease response levy on manufactured horse feed and worm treatments for horses; imposes penalties for unpaid levies and the remission of any penalties for late payments; enables the collection of information and documents as specified by the Commonwealth; provides for entry, search and seizure powers; requires the minister to review the levy mechanism every five years unless the levies are active at the time the review is due.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill amends the *Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Act 1996* to: enable horse disease response levies to be appropriated to the Australian Animal Health Council; and provide that any excess levies are to be used for research and development activities or the promotion or maintenance of horse health.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

### **Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010**

Introduced with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010, the bill: establishes the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights; provides for the powers, proceedings and functions of the committee; introduces a requirement for statements of compatibility to be prepared for all bills and disallowable legislative instruments; and contains a regulation making power.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 23/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 17/11/10; interim report presented 7/12/10 and tabled 9/2/11; final report presented 28/1/11 and tabled 9/2/11

**Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010**

Introduced with the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010, the bill amends the: *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* to: include the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission as an ex officio member of the Administrative Review Council (ARC); and increase the quorum of the ARC from four to five members; and *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to require explanatory statements for disallowable legislative instruments to contain a statement of compatibility.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 24/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 17/11/10; interim report presented 7/12/10 and tabled 9/2/11; final report presented 28/1/11 and tabled 9/2/11

**Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

(Previous title: Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010)

Amends: the *Medicare Australia Act 1973* and *Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act 1997* to: abolish Medicare Australia and Centrelink as statutory agencies; abolish the positions of the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of these organisations; provide for the functions of the agencies and the CEOs to be integrated into the Department of Human Services (DHS); and amend the long and short titles of the Acts; the *Medicare Australia Act 1973* in relation to patient notification when medical records are seized but not examined; the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* to abolish the position of Child Support Registrar and provide for the functions of that position to be integrated into the DHS; and 36 Acts to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/11/10; Passed 23/3/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

Main Committee CID amendments: 55 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 10/5/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/3/11

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 32, 2011**

**ED Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill 2011**

Proposes to: prohibit the importation of timber products containing illegally logged timber; require importers and processors of raw logs to be certified as complying with certain requirements; require the accurate description of legally logged timber products for sale in Australia; and establish monitoring and enforcement powers.

**Senate:** Exposure draft tabled 23/3/11

Reference: Exposure draft and explanatory memorandum referred to Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee 23/3/11; extension of time to report 10/5/11; interim report presented 25/5/11 and tabled 14/6/11; extensions of time for final report 14/6/11, 15/6/11; final report tabled 23/6/11

### **Income Tax Rates Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010**

Introduced with the Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010, the bill amends the *Income Tax Rates Act 1986* to provide that the rate of additional income tax payable on all or part of a recoupment for research and development activities is 10 per cent.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 22/11/10  
SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 23/11/10; Passed 24/8/11  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference  
Committee request for amendment: 1 Govt/passed  
[House made Senate request for amendment 24/8/11]

### **Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011**

(Previous title: Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011)

Introduced with the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Income Tax Rates Act 1986* to increase income tax rates for the 2011-12 financial year by 0.5 per cent on taxable income between \$50 001 and \$100 000, and 1 per cent on taxable income above \$100 000.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 24/2/11  
SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 21/2/11  
CID amendments: 6 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; Passed 22/3/11  
SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11  
Reference: Provisions of bill and related matters referred to Senate Economics References Committee 3/3/11; interim report presented 20/4/11 and tabled 10/5/11; extension of time to report 10/5/11; second interim report presented 30/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11; extension of time to report 4/7/11; third interim report presented 29/7/11 and tabled 16/8/11; extension of time for final report 16/8/11; final report due 22/9/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 15, 2011**

### **Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to enable certain parcels of land to be granted to relevant Aboriginal Land Trusts; *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* to: remove the connection between the election of members to the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and Queensland local government elections; and allow for changes to be made to the composition of the TSRA, following a governance review.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 17/8/11  
CID amendments: 3 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; Passed 25/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011**

Amends the: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* and *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to change the title of certain statutory positions to “Chief Executive Officer”; *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* to: allow information held by Indigenous Business Australia to be disclosed in limited circumstances; and remove certain references to two discontinued Aboriginal Hostels Limited schemes; and *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and *Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services Act 2009* to allow the delegation of the ministerial power to appoint a person to act as the Executive Director of Township Leasing or the Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 17/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference

**Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to provide funding for non-ABSTUDY payments for the 2013 calendar year; and *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to transfer funding for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years for the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education from the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to the Other Grants Program.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

**Senate:** Intro. 7/7/11; Passed 18/8/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Inventory) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* to: provide that chemicals in products previously regulated by other Commonwealth agencies can be transferred to the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme; enable formal notification and assessment arrangements for ultra-violet filters in secondary sunscreen products; and enable summary assessment reports to be published online.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 18/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1986* to: recognise expressly the role of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) in assisting the Government to provide the Parliament and the public with assurances that the use of special powers and capabilities by Australian intelligence and security agencies are subject to scrutiny; enable the IGIS to undertake own-motion preliminary inquiries; extend the IGIS capacity to undertake own-motion full inquiries; enable the IGIS to delegate powers of the agency subject to ministerial approval; enable the IGIS to release material to any Royal Commission at the discretion of the government; and make technical amendments; and *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* to make a consequential amendment.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 25/8/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 7/7/11

Committee amendment: 1 Govt/passed

**S Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Patents Act 1990* in relation to: the thresholds set for the grant of a patent; and exempting patent infringement of research and experimental activities; *Patents Act 1990* and *Trade Marks Act 1995* to: reduce delays in finalising patent and trade mark applications; enable trade marks and patent attorneys to practise through a corporate structure; and extend to trade marks and patent attorneys the same 'advice' privilege available to legal professionals; *Copyright Act 1968* and *Trade Marks Act 1995* in relation to the enforcement regime for counterfeit trade mark and copyright goods; and *Designs Act 2003*, *Patents Act 1990*, *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994* and *Trade Marks Act 1995* to provide that the intellectual property rights system can adapt to the electronic and global business environments.

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/6/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* to: provide a consistent meaning of foreign intelligence and consistent approach to foreign intelligence with the *Intelligence Services Act 2001* and the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*; clarify that a computer access warrant authorises access to data held in the target computer at any time while the warrant is in force; and exclude the communication of information relating to employment within the Australian intelligence community from the operation of security assessment provisions; *Criminal Code Act 1995* to clarify that the immunity for liability for certain employees for computer-related activities cannot be overridden by other Commonwealth, state or territory laws; and *Intelligence Services Act 2001* to: provide a specific function for the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation to assist the defence force; provide a new ground for granting a ministerial authorisation for producing intelligence on a person; clarify that the immunity for liability for certain employees for computer-related activities cannot be overridden by other Commonwealth, state or territory laws; and move existing exemptions from the Legislative Instruments Regulations 2004 into the Act.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 12/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 4/7/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

Committee amendments: 1 AG/negated; 3 items opposed (AG)/items agreed to

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 80, 2011**

**PS Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Prohibits corporations from offering certain gambling services and amends the: *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* to: provide that customers may request a financial transaction provider to suspend or cancel an interactive gambling payment; and prohibit inducements to gamble; *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to require the Australian Communications and Media Authority to enforce certain conditions in relation to the advertising of betting venues, online gambling sites and betting odds by commercial broadcasters; and *Criminal Code Act 1995* to create an offence and impose a penalty for match-fixing.

**Senate:** Intro. 20/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 20/6/11

Reference (see item 31, *Journals* 30/9/10): Bill referred to Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform 20/6/11; report due 30/6/13

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Committee noted reference (*see above*)

**International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011**

Amends the *International Tax Agreements Act 1953* to: change the structure of the Act; and give legislative effect to bilateral taxation agreements with Aruba, Chile, the Cook Islands, Guernsey, Malaysia, Samoa and Turkey.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 12/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 45, 2011**

**PS R**     **Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 [2010]**

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

The bill requires: Australian organisations to meet certain requirements before transferring personal information about an individual to an organisation in a foreign country; and foreign call centres to identify the city and country in which they are located when contacting customers.

**Senate:** Intro. 26/10/09; 2nd reading adjourned 26/10/09

SBC report 7/10 (tabled and adopted 13/5/10): Bill referred to Senate Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee; report presented 6/8/10 and tabled 28/9/10

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 30/9/10

**PS**     **Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Waters – AG)

The bill: provides that Australian landholders have the right to refuse the undertaking of coal seam gas mining activities by corporations on food producing land without prior written permission; sets out the requirements of a prior written notice; and provides for relief which a court may grant a land owner when prior written permission is not provided.

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Consideration deferred

**S**     **Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [2011]**

(Act citation: *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Criminal Code Act 1995* to: insert three identity crime offences in relation to identification information; and allow a victim of identity crime to obtain a certificate which may assist in re-establishing their credit history; *Crimes Act 1914* in relation to the administration of justice offences and makes consequential amendments to eight other Acts; *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983* to: allow for the delegation of functions and powers to facilitate joint trial arrangements; and provide legal immunity for persons carrying out functions and duties under the Act; *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* in relation to certain written notices and the disclosure of sensitive information held by the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre; *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* to: enable the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to use alcohol screening as a preliminary test for all random, targeted investigation and certain incident alcohol testing; and allow the Commissioner to confer awards on other AFP employees; and *Judiciary Act 1903* to repeal redundant provisions in relation to eligibility to practice law in the territories. Also makes miscellaneous amendments to the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, *Crimes Act 1914*, *Criminal Code Act 1995* and *Privacy Act 1988*.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 28/10/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Committee amendments: 3 FFP/negated

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; Passed 9/2/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**Assent:** 2/3/11; **Act No. 3, 2011**

**Legislative Instruments Amendment (Sunsetting) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to provide that legislative instruments remain in force for 10 years following registration (rather than commencement) on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 22/8/11

SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11); Bill referred to House Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee; statement made discharging committee's requirement to present a report 18/8/11

Main Committee: Referred 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/8/11; Passed 25/8/11

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**PM Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Wilkie – Ind)

Amends the: *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* to: prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter on or after 1 July 2014; and provide that export licence holders ensure all live-stock are treated satisfactorily prior to slaughter; and *Export Control Act 1982* to: prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter unless the secretary is satisfied that the live-stock will be treated satisfactorily prior to slaughter; and prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter on or after 1 July 2014.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/6/11; Negatived at 2nd reading 18/8/11

**PS Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the: *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* to: prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter on or after 1 July 2014; and provide that export licence holders ensure all live-stock are treated satisfactorily prior to slaughter; and *Export Control Act 1982* to: prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter unless the secretary is satisfied that the live-stock will be treated satisfactorily prior to slaughter; and prohibit the export of live-stock for slaughter on or after 1 July 2014.

**Senate:** Intro. 20/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 20/6/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): Bill referred to Senate Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee; extension of time to report 16/8/11; variation of reporting date 18/8/11; report due 21/9/11

**PM Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG)

Amends the *Export Control Act 1982* to prohibit the export of livestock for slaughter.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/6/11; Negatived at 2nd reading 18/8/11

**PS Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]**

(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)

Amends the *Export Control Act 1982* to prohibit the export of livestock for slaughter.

**Senate:** Intro. 15/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 15/6/11

SBC report 8/11 (tabled and adopted 23/6/11): Bill referred to Senate Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee; extension of time to report 16/8/11; variation of reporting date 18/8/11; report due 21/9/11

**PS Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the *Marriage Act 1961* to: remove discriminatory references based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and allow marriage regardless of sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

**Midwife Professional Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Act 2010* to enable self-employed midwives to access the scheme; and *Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Act 2010* to correct the formula used to calculate the tax imposed on insurers of eligible midwives.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 11/5/11; Passed 16/6/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 47, 2011**

**Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2011**

In response to certain recommendations of the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee's reports *A Sanctuary under Review: An Examination of Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian Determination Processes* and *Administration and operation of the Migration Act 1958* and the Senate Select Committee report *Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters*, the bill amends the *Migration Act 1958* to introduce complementary protection arrangements to allow all claims by visa applicants that may engage Australia's *non-refoulement* obligations to be considered under a single protection visa application process.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 25/5/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**PS Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the: *Migration Act 1958* to provide that a ministerial declaration specifying that a country provides certain procedures and protections for offshore entry persons is a legislative instrument; and *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to provide that the ministerial declaration is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament.

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Discharged from *Notice Paper* 5/7/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): No reference

**PS Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill (No. 2) 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the: *Migration Act 1958* to provide that a ministerial declaration specifying that a country provides certain procedures and protections for offshore entry persons is a legislative instrument; and *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to provide that the ministerial declaration is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament.

**Senate:** Intro. 5/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 5/7/11

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Consideration deferred

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**PS Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* to provide that the minister must, within 12 days: determine that a detained minor reside within the community; and appoint a person to act as guardian to the minor.

**Senate:** Intro. 28/10/10; 2nd reading adjourned 28/10/10

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**PS Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the: *Migration Act 1958* to: establish asylum seeker principles; facilitate judicial review of detention decisions; repeal excised offshore places and indefinite detention provisions; and restore asylum seekers rights to fair process and procedural fairness; and *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* to repeal the privative clause decision within the *Migration Act 1958*.

**Senate:** Intro. 18/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 18/11/10

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report tabled 18/8/11

**Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* to: enable the minister to refuse to grant, or to cancel, a visa or temporary safe haven visa when a person has been convicted of a criminal offence while in immigration detention; and increase the penalty for the manufacture, possession, use or distribution of weapons by immigration detainees from three to five years imprisonment.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 11/5/11; Passed 31/5/11

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 4/7/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extensions of time to report 15/6/11, 23/6/11; report presented 29/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

Committee amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 81, 2011**

**Military Justice (Interim Measures) Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Military Justice (Interim Measures) Act (No. 1) 2009* to continue the appointment, remuneration and entitlement arrangements for the Chief Judge Advocate and two Judge Advocates for an additional two years or until the Minister for Defence declares, by legislative instrument, a termination day, whichever is sooner.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 4/7/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 82, 2011**

**Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (MRCA Supplement) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* to ensure that: certain wholly dependent partners of deceased defence force members or former members will be eligible to receive the MRCA supplement; and eligible persons do not receive additional equivalent payments under the *Social Security Act 1991* or *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 24/3/11  
SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 22/6/11  
SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 26/7/11; Act No. 87, 2011**

**Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Amendment (Registration of Foreign Proceeds of Crime Orders) Bill 2011**

Amends the *International Criminal Court Act 2002*, *International War Crimes Tribunals Act 1995* and *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1987* to respond to the High Court decision in *International Finance Trust Company Ltd v New South Wales Crime Commission* (2009) 240 CLR 319 by providing that courts have the discretion to refuse to register a foreign proceeds of crime order if it would be contrary to the interests of justice to register the order.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 4/7/11  
SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 83, 2011**

**National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *National Broadband Network Companies Act 2011*)

Introduced with the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2010, the bill provides: for the operations of NBN Co and any NBN corporations; for ownership and control of NBN Co; for certain reporting obligations of NBN Co; for anti-avoidance obligations of NBN Co; powers to the Federal Court to grant injunctions; that NBN Co is not a public authority; that NBN corporations are not subject to the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*; and for the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Ownership of NBN Co to be established for the specific purpose of examining a Productivity Commission report on its inquiry into the NBN and cease to exist after it has reported to Parliament.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/11/10; Passed 1/3/11  
SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference  
CID amendments: 19 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 25/3/11  
SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 16/3/11 and tabled 21/3/11; final report presented 17/3/11 and tabled 21/3/11

Committee amendments: 20 Govt/passed; 1 AG/passed; 17 Opp/negated; 1 Subdivision opposed (Opp)/Subdivision agreed to; 11 clauses opposed (Opp)/clauses agreed to; 2 subclauses opposed (Opp)/subclauses agreed to

[House agreed to Senate amendments (3 Opp/negated) 28/3/11]

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 22, 2011**

**PS National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010 (No. 2)**

(Introduced by Senator Birmingham – LP)

Requires: NBN Co to prepare a business case for the National Broadband Network (NBN) and publish it by 19 November 2010; and the Productivity Commission to prepare a cost-benefit analysis of the NBN proposal and publish it by 31 May 2011.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 23/11/10, 25/8/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): No reference

**National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

Amends the: *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* and *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* to establish a merit-based appointment process for ABC and SBS non-executive directors for their respective boards; and *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* to re-establish the position of staff-elected director to the ABC Board.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 23/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 16/11/10; report tabled 17/11/10

**National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Home Loans and Credit Cards) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009* to: require licensed credit providers to provide a Key Facts Sheet for standard home loans to consumers; require credit providers to provide a Key Fact Sheet for credit card contracts; restrict when credit providers can make unsolicited invitations to borrowers to increase the credit limit on a credit card; restrict the approval of the use of credit cards to obtain amounts in excess of the credit limit; prohibit fees being charged when the credit limit is exceeded (unless agreed to by the card holder); and provide for an order of application of payments made under credit card contracts; and *National Consumer Credit Protection (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2009* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 22/6/11

SC report no. 19 (tabled 11/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 15/6/11

CID amendments: 12 Govt/passed; 1 AG/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 4/7/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

Committee amendments: 2 Ind (Xenophon)/negated

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 84, 2011**

### **National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *National Health and Hospitals Network Act 2011*)

Establishes the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care as an independent statutory body and provides for: the functions and powers of the commission; appointment of members to the board of the commission; procedures of the board; the terms and conditions of employment, functions and powers of the Chief Executive Officer; staff and consultants; committees; and reporting and planning obligations of the commission.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 27/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 27/10/10; Passed 3/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 18/11/10; report tabled 22/11/10

Committee amendments: 8 AG/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 21/3/11]

**Assent: 8/4/11; Act No. 9, 2011**

### **National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011**

Amends the *National Health Reform Act 2011* to establish the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority and provide for its functions, powers, obligations, liabilities, privileges, membership, appointments, formation of committees, staffing, reporting, and disclosure of information.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee; report due 15/9/11

### **National Health Reform Amendment (National Health Performance Authority) Bill 2011**

Amends the proposed *National Health and Hospitals Network Act 2011* to: establish the National Health Performance Authority as a statutory authority and provide for its functions, powers, membership, committees, staffing, reporting and planning, and disclosure of information; amend the long and short titles of the Act; and make amendments consequential on the establishment of the authority and the Act title change.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 3/3/11; Passed 17/8/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): Bill referred to House Health and Ageing Committee; report tabled 22/3/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 29 Govt/passed; 3 Ind (Oakeshott)/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 22/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/8/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; report presented 9/6/11 and tabled 14/6/11

**PS National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Establishes a National Integrity Commission as an independent statutory agency which will consist of the National Integrity Commissioner, the Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner and the Independent Parliamentary Advisor and provide for: the investigation and prevention of misconduct and corruption in all Commonwealth departments, agencies, and federal parliamentarians and their staff; the investigation and prevention of corruption in the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Crime Commission; and independent advice to ministers and parliamentarians on conduct, ethics and matters of propriety. Also provides for the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Integrity Commission.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010**

The bill: allows a Northern Territory Land Council and other parties in a state or territory to volunteer their land for consideration as the location for a national facility for the management of radioactive waste arising from medical, industrial and research uses of radioactive material; repeals the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005*; and makes a consequential amendment to the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 21/10/10; Passed 22/2/11

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): Bill referred to House Climate Change, Environment and the Arts Committee; report presented 22/12/10 and tabled 21/2/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; In committee 16/6/11

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negated

**National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment (Deer) Bill 2011**

Amends the *National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998* to increase the cap on the National Residue Survey component of the deer slaughter levy from 4 cents to 10.5 cents per kilogram.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/8/11; Passed 25/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference

**S National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011**

In response to issues raised by the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills and recommendations made by the Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee, the bill amends the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011* to: add an objects clause; clarify which laws of the states and territories apply to registered training organisations; clarify the circumstances when the Regulator can amend an accredited course without an application being made by the course owner; ensure that a person is aware of the cancellation of the qualification or statement of attainment before being liable for a civil penalty; limit the use of force; require authorised officers to possess certain experience, training and qualifications; enable information sharing with the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency; and make technical amendments.

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Consideration deferred

**S      [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Bill 2010 \[2011\]](#)**

(Act citation: *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*)

Introduced with the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010, the bill establishes the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator as a independent statutory body to regulate the vocational education and training sector and provides for: registration of training organisations; accreditation of courses; powers to issue and cancel qualifications; investigative powers; enforcement; Commonwealth-State arrangements; terms and conditions of employment, functions and powers of the regulator and two commissioners; staff and consultants; offences and civil penalties; reporting requirements; strategic and annual reporting plans; and the establishment of the Australian Quality Training Framework to provide for national standards for registered training organisations by legislative instrument.

**Senate:** Intro. 26/11/10; Passed 23/3/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/3/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; [Act No. 12, 2011](#)**

**S      [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2011](#)**

Further to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Bill 2010 [2011] and National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010 [2011], the bill make consequential amendments to the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000*, *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to provide that the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator framework interacts with other regulatory frameworks and funding programs.

**Senate:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 23/3/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/3/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; [Act No. 14, 2011](#)**

**S      [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator \(Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2010 \[2011\]](#)**

(Act citation: *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Transitional Provisions) Act 2011*)

Introduced with the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Bill 2010, the bill provides for transitional arrangements to: continue existing registrations of vocational education and training providers; continue existing course accreditations; enable certain decisions of the regulator to be reviewed by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; enable staff of referring state and territory regulators to transfer to the national regulator; continue legal proceedings; and make miscellaneous amendments.

**Senate:** Intro. 26/11/10; Passed 23/3/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 24/3/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; [Act No. 13, 2011](#)**

**PS Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)

Amends the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to: the application of the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to decision-making; heritage protection; the application of the non-extinguishment principle to the compulsory acquisition of land; the right to negotiate to apply to offshore areas; good faith negotiations; profit sharing and royalties in arbitration; enabling extinguishment to be disregarded; burden of proof; the definition of ‘traditional’; and commercial rights and interests.

**Senate:** Intro. 21/3/11; 2nd reading adjourned 21/3/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report due 20/9/11

**Navigation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Navigation Act 1912* to: implement the Maritime Labour Convention in Australia by setting minimum requirements for working and living conditions for seafarers working on certain ships engaged in commercial activities, except fishing; and enable vessel traffic services to be extended to the southern part of the Great Barrier Reef.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/5/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Infrastructure and Communications Committee; report tabled 25/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of five bills in relation to the administration and regulation of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* to replace the state and Northern Territory based Designated Authorities with the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (which will replace the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority and have extended functions) and the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (located within the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism) to administer and regulate petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters in the Australian offshore area. Also repeals the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Annual Fees) Act 2006* and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Act 2006* and makes amendments consequential on these repeals.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report presented 27/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

CID amendments: 3 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11, 25/8/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/5/11; report tabled 16/6/11

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2011**

Part of a package of five bills in relation to the administration and regulation of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Act 2006* to replace references to 'Designated Authority' with 'Titles Administrator' consequent on the proposed *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Act 2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report presented 27/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

**Senate:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11, 25/8/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/5/11; report tabled 16/6/11

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* to: make amendments consequential on the enactment of the proposed *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Act 2011*; provide that the levies become due and payable at a specified date; impose a late penalty payment; and provide that the levies and late payment penalties are payable to, and recoverable by, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 22/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 28, 2011**

**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* to: impose cost recovery levies (an annual well levy, a well activity levy and a well investigation levy) on the holders of offshore petroleum titles in respect of well and well-related activities; and amend the long and short titles of the Act.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 22/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 27, 2011**

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**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of five bills in relation to the administration and regulation of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003* to impose cost recovery levies (an annual titles administration levy and an environment plan levy) on the registered holders of offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage titles.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report presented 27/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

**Senate:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11, 25/8/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/5/11; report tabled 16/6/11

**Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Amendment Bill 2011**

Part of a package of five bills in relation to the administration and regulation of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Act 2006* to replace references to 'Designated Authority' with 'State Minister' consequent on the proposed *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Act 2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report presented 27/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

CID amendments: 17 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11, 25/8/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/5/11; report tabled 16/6/11

**Offshore Resources Legislation Amendment (Personal Property Securities) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of five bills in relation to the administration and regulation of petroleum and greenhouse gas storage operations in Commonwealth waters, the bill amends the *Offshore Minerals Act 1994* and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* to provide that any security interests acquired in petroleum, greenhouse gas and offshore minerals titles are not personal property securities for the purposes of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 6/7/11

SC report no. 22 (tabled 26/5/11): Bill referred to House Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee; report presented 27/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11

**Senate:** Intro. 7/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 7/7/11, 25/8/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee 25/5/11; report tabled 16/6/11

**PS Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Amends the: *Ombudsman Act 1976* to establish the Education Ombudsman as a separate office within the office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman to deal with complaints about the domestic and international education sector; and *Migration Act 1958* and *Privacy Act 1988* to make consequential amendments.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**PM Paid Parental Leave (Reduction of Compliance Burden for Employers) Amendment Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Mr Billson – LP)

Amends the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* to provide that the Family Assistance Office continues to administer the paid parental leave scheme after 1 July 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; Negatived at 2nd reading 24/2/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**PM Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Mr Hockey – LP)

Establishes the office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer as an independent officer of the Parliament to provide advice and analysis to Parliament on the annual Commonwealth budget and any revisions of budgetary estimates or outcomes.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/8/11; Read a 1st time 22/8/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

**Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Officer) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* to: establish the Parliamentary Budget Office and the position of Parliamentary Budget Officer to provide independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals; and provide for the functions and governance of the Office; *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998* to provide that parties with at least five members in Parliament may request election costings from the Departments of Treasury and Finance; *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to list the Office as an exempt agency; and *Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1976* and *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): Consideration deferred

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

(Introduced by Mr Dutton – LP, Mr Oakeshott – Ind, Mr Forrest – Nats and Mr Turnbull – LP)

Amends the *Patents Act 1990* to prevent the patenting of biological materials which are identical or substantially identical to materials as they exist in nature.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 21/2/11; Read a 1st time 21/2/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**PS Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010 [No. 2]**  
(Introduced by Senators Coonan and Heffernan – LP, Senator Siewert – AG and Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Patents Act 1990* to prevent the patenting of biological materials which are identical or substantially identical to materials as they exist in nature.

**Senate:** Intro. 24/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 24/11/10

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extensions of time to report 15/6/11, 23/8/11; report due 21/9/11

**Personal Property Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to: registrable charges; the liability of receivers and voluntary administrators for certain transactions; enforcement of liens and pledges; vesting of security interests; and appointment of an administrator under a transitional security agreement; *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* in relation to: taking certain personal property free of security interests; harmonising the definition of ‘security interest’ with New Zealand legislation; Clearing House Electronic Subregister System securities; access to third party data; the registrar’s powers to conduct investigations; security interests in authorised deposit-taking institutions; and state referral powers; and *Corporations Act 2001* and *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 22/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 26/5/11; Act No. 35, 2011**

**PS Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009**  
**R [2010]**

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Trade Practices Act 1974* and Trade Practices (Consumer Product Information Standards) (Tobacco) Regulations 2004 to ban advertising, logos or trademarks and specify the appearance requirements for cigarette packaging.

**Senate:** Intro. 20/8/09; 2nd reading adjourned 20/8/09

SBC report 18/09 (tabled and adopted 26/11/09): Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 24/2/10; report presented 26/8/10 and tabled 28/9/10

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 30/9/10

**PS Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Provides for the assessment and collection of a 25 cent levy for each plastic bag used at retail points of sale. Also includes reporting requirements and a regulation making power.

**Senate:** Intro. 22/11/10; 2nd reading adjourned 22/11/10

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**PS Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Provides for a national plebiscite to be held in conjunction with the next House of Representatives election on whether Australia should become a republic.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**PS R Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010]**

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

The bill: provides for the administration of a poker machine harm reduction tax to be payable by a licensed operator on revenue derived from licensed poker machines; establishes the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Transition Fund Supervisory Board to determine grants to be made from the fund for the purposes of funding community activities, rehabilitation and prevention programs; and provides for promotional educational programs highlighting the risks of gambling.

**Senate:** Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Committee; extensions of time to report 18/3/08, 26/6/08; report tabled 10/11/08

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 30/9/10

Reference: Bill referred to Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform 28/10/10; report due 30/6/13

**PS Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Regulates poker machine use by requiring that poker machines: must not accept banknotes with a denomination greater than \$20; must not accept certain additional credits; must not allow a bet in excess of \$1 per spin; and must not allow a loss exceeding \$120 in one hour's operation. Also imposes penalties for a contravention of these requirements.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference

Reference: Bill referred to Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform 28/10/10; report due 30/6/13

**PS Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Requires the Auditor-General to assess certain government information and advertising campaigns for their compliance with guidelines and to present reports of any assessment to Parliament.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**S**      **Product Stewardship Bill 2011**

Establishes a national framework to manage the environmental, health and safety impacts of manufactured goods and materials across the lifecycle of a product, including the impacts associated with the disposal of a product.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 14/4/11 and tabled 10/5/11; final report presented 9/5/11 and tabled 10/5/11

Committee amendments: 15 Govt/passed; 1 Opp/passed; 3 AG/passed; 1 AG/negated

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 76, 2011**

**PS**      **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to restrict the advertising or other promotion of unhealthy food and beverages on television between 6.30 am and 9.30 pm.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; Negated at 2nd reading 3/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oil Transfers) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983* to implement amendments to Annex I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships to prevent marine pollution during ship-to-ship oil transfer operations between certain oil tankers.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/5/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 4/7/11; Passed 7/7/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 4/8/11; Act No. 90, 2011**

**Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oils in the Antarctic Area) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983* to implement amendments to Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships to ban the use or carriage of heavy grade oils on ships travelling in the Antarctic Area except when vessels are engaged in securing the safety of ships or saving life at sea.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/8/11

**PS**      **Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Public Service Act 1999* to enable agencies to make a discretionary payment in special circumstances (for example, for compensation) in excess of \$100 000.

**Senate:** Intro. 12/5/11; 2nd reading adjourned 12/5/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee; report tabled 16/8/11

**PS     [Qantas Sale Amendment \(Still Call Australia Home\) Bill 2011](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind and Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the *Qantas Sale Act 1992* to: require that Qantas' principal operation centre is located in Australia; require that the majority of heavy maintenance of aircraft, flight operations and Qantas training is conducted in Australia; provide that the Qantas Board of Directors consist of at least one Director with professional flight operations experience and one Director with aircraft engineering experience; and provide that the minister or certain shareholder members may restrain Qantas from engaging in certain particular conduct.

**Senate:** Intro. 25/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/8/11

**PS     [Quarantine Amendment \(Disallowing Permits\) Bill 2011](#)**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Quarantine Act 1908* to: provide that Biosecurity Policy Determinations are disallowable legislative instruments; provide that a permit to import, introduce, or bring in an animal, plant, substance or thing is a disallowable legislative instrument; provide that, when these instruments are presented to Parliament, the minister is required to table a risk analysis in both Houses and refer the instruments to parliamentary committees responsible for agricultural matters.

**Senate:** Intro. 25/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/8/11

**[Remuneration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011](#)**

Amends the: *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* to: determine a classification structure for departmental secretaries; enable the Remuneration Tribunal to determine the remuneration of the secretaries of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Treasury; enable these secretaries, in consultation with the President of the tribunal and the Public Service Commissioner, to determine the level of remuneration for all other departmental secretaries; and enable the tribunal to determine the remuneration and recreation leave entitlements of the Public Service Commissioner, Merit Protection Commissioner and heads of executive agencies; *Public Service Act 1999* and *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* to make consequential amendments; and *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*, *Parliamentary Superannuation Act 2004*, *Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990* and *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* to: restore the tribunal's ability to determine parliamentary base salary; require the tribunal to publish reasons for decisions relating to parliamentary remuneration; and remove the Parliament's ability to disallow parliamentary remuneration determinations.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 24/3/11

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 23/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee; report presented 17/6/11 and tabled 20/6/11

Committee amendments: 7 Govt/passed

[House agreed to Senate amendments 23/6/11]

**Assent: 25/7/11; [Act No. 75, 2011](#)**

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- PS Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Milne – AG)  
Amends the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* to establish a national feed-in tariff (FiT) scheme to provide financial support for the commercialisation of prospective renewable energy technologies by providing: that the minister sets and reviews a FiT rate for renewable energy technology and a FiT levy rate to fund payments under the scheme; that qualifying generators be allowed to connect and feed into the grid; that the Renewable Energy Regulator establish a Feed-in-Tariff Register; and for the preparation and tabling of an independent report on the operation of the scheme.  
**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference
- PS Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)  
Prohibits the sale of takeaway alcoholic beverages between midnight and 7 am on any day and imposes offences for any contravention.  
**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10  
SBC report 11/11 (tabled and adopted 25/8/11): No reference
- PS Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)  
Amends the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*, *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* and *Norfolk Island Act 1979* to remove the prohibition on legalising voluntary euthanasia. Also repeals the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*.  
**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10, 28/10/10  
SBC report 12/10 (tabled and adopted 27/10/10): No reference
- PS Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2010**  
(Introduced by Senator Milne – AG)  
Establishes an emissions intensity cap and building efficiency certificate trading scheme for non-residential buildings.  
**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 29/9/10  
SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference
- PM Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011**  
(Introduced by Mr Bandt – AG, Mr Broadbent – LP and Ms Vamvakinou – ALP)  
Amends the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* to create a legal presumption that, if a firefighter has been employed for a certain period before being diagnosed with one of seven primary site cancers, the employment is taken to have been the dominant cause of the contraction of the cancer.  
**House of Representatives:** Intro. 4/7/11; Read a 1st time 4/7/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting  
**Senate:**  
Reference: Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee 5/7/11; report due 15/9/11

### **Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* to: reinstate claims arising from off-site recess injuries; provide for continuous workers' compensation coverage for employees while overseas working in a declared place, or who belong to a declared class of employee; enable compensation for medical expenses to be paid where payment of other compensation is suspended; allow for time limits for claim determination; and enable Comcare to access the Consolidated Revenue Fund to pay certain compensation claims in respect of diseases with long latency periods; and *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993* and *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* to make technical amendments consequential on the commencement of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 1/6/11

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

### **Schools Assistance Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the *Schools Assistance Act 2008* to provide for a phased implementation of the national curriculum by certain authorities and approved school systems.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/8/11

SC report no. 26 (tabled 23/6/11): Bill referred to House Education and Employment Committee; statement made discharging committee's requirement to present a report 16/8/11

CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 24/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/8/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): No reference

### **Schools Assistance Amendment (Financial Assistance) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Schools Assistance Act 2008* to extend the existing funding arrangements, including indexation arrangements for: non-government primary and secondary schools until the end of 2013; and grants for capital expenditure until the end of 2014.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SC report no. 15 (tabled 24/2/11): No reference

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 21/3/11; Passed 23/3/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/passed

**Assent: 21/4/11; Act No. 26, 2011**

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**Screen Australia (Transfer of Assets) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Screen Australia (Transfer of Assets) Act 2011*)

The bill: amends the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, *National Film and Sound Archive Act 2008* and *Screen Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2008* to enable the name change of the National Film and Sound Archive to the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (NFSAA); transfers part of Screen Australia's film library and associated assets and liabilities to the NFSAA; and provides for the transfer of certain Screen Australia staff to the NFSAA.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/11/10; Passed 24/2/11

SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; Passed 21/3/11

SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 20, 2011**

**Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in response to recommendations of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs 2008 report *Effectiveness of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality*, to: extend protections from discrimination on the grounds of family responsibilities to both women and men in all areas of work; provide improved protection from sexual harassment for students and workers; ensure protections from sex discrimination apply equally to women and men; and establish breastfeeding as a separate ground of discrimination; *Age Discrimination Act 2004* to establish an Age Discrimination Commissioner in the Human Rights Commission; and *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986*, *Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999* and *Fair Work Act 2009* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 28/10/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 28/10/10; Passed 12/5/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; extension of time to report 9/2/11; report tabled 1/3/11

Committee amendments: 3 Opp/passed; 1 item negated (Opp)

[House agreed to Senate amendments 24/5/11]

**Assent: 20/6/11; Act No. 40, 2011**

**PS Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010 [2011]**

(Introduced by Senator Nash – Nats)

Amends the *Social Security Act 1991* to provide that the same eligibility criteria for independent youth allowance is applied for students residing in the Inner Regional Australia Zone.

**Senate:** Intro. 28/10/10; Passed 10/2/11

SBC report 14/10 (tabled and adopted 18/11/10): Committee noted reference (*see* below)

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee 17/11/10; report tabled 9/2/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 AG/negatived

**House of Representatives:** Message from Senate transmitting bill reported 21/2/11; House declined to consider bill 21/2/11

**Social Security Amendment (Parenting Payment Transitional Arrangement) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Social Security Act 1991* to provide that parenting payment recipients are only covered by the transitional arrangement in respect of children who were in their care before 1 July 2011.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 1/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 16/6/11

Reference (*see* item 6, *Journals* 12/5/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee 26/5/11; report presented 3/6/11 and tabled 14/6/11

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 49, 2011**

**Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011**

Amends: the *Social Security Act 1991* and *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to establish a framework to provide financial assistance for Australians and close family members of Australians who are injured or killed overseas as a result of an overseas terrorist incident; and six Acts to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; 2nd reading adjourned 24/3/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 4/11 (tabled and adopted 25/3/11): No reference

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**Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Social Security Act 1991* to: enable parenting payment recipients to transfer temporarily to bereavement allowance following the death of a partner; remove the family member exemption from the two year newly arrived resident's waiting period before special benefit is payable; enable the minister to make legislative instruments determining Impairment Tables and rules relating to the tables; and clarify that payments made by an employer to an employee in lieu of notice of termination are regarded as redundancy payments for the purposes of the social security payments; *Disability Services Act 1986* to provide that disability advocacy services compliance with new Disability Advocacy Standards will be assessed by an independent certification body over a three year cycle; and *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* in relation to certain asset-test exempt income streams and the provision of actuarial certificates.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 17/8/11

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee; report on provisions of Schedule 3 of bill due 15/9/11

**S Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to require certain persons to inform the department within 14 days of events or changes in circumstances that may affect social security payments or qualification for concession cards; and *Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other Measures) Act 2011* and *Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Rebate) Act 2011* to make technical amendments. Also clarifies that certain computer-generated decisions made from 12 June 2001 to the date of assent comply with the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/6/11; Passed 6/7/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): No reference

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 6/7/11

**Assent: 4/8/11; Act No. 91, 2011**

**Social Security Legislation Amendment (Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to provide that social security payment for job seekers will be suspended when they fail to attend appointments with employment services providers.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

SC report no. 18 (tabled 24/3/11): Bill referred to House Education and Employment Committee; report tabled 11/5/11

CID amendments: 3 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 16/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 48, 2011**

**PS Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Ludlam – AG)

Amends the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* to prohibit certain advertising being shown during programs on SBS television.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2010**

(Act citation: *Statute Law Revision Act 2011*)

The bill: amends 36 Acts to correct technical and other errors and modernise language; repeals eight redundant Acts; amends 76 Acts to provide that Commonwealth ministers are mentioned by reference to the administration of identified legislation; amends 53 Acts to provide that specific departments are mentioned by reference to the minister administering legislation; and amends 103 Acts to update administrative references.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/11/10; Passed 24/2/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; Passed 3/3/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): No reference

**Assent: 22/3/11; Act No. 5, 2011**

**Statute Stocktake Bill (No. 1) 2011**

Amends 11 Acts and repeals 25 Acts to abolish 39 special appropriations, including one Special Account. Also makes consequential amendments to two Acts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 23/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 4/7/11; Passed 18/8/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**PS Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Siewert – AG)

Establishes a Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal to decide and make recommendations on claims for reparation.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

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**Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Early Release of Superannuation) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997* and *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to transfer the administration of making determinations relating to the early release of superannuation benefits on compassionate grounds to the Chief Executive Medicare; and *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998* to provide that the administration of making determinations relating to the early release of superannuation benefits on compassionate grounds continues to be funded by superannuation industry levies.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 25/8/11

SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services; statement discharging committee's requirement to present a report made in House 22/8/11 and tabled in Senate 23/8/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011**

Part of a package of three bills to establish governance arrangements for Commonwealth superannuation schemes, the bill amends 35 Acts and the Financial Management and Accountability Regulations 1997 to make amendments consequential upon, and transitional to, the proposed *ComSuper Act 2011* and *Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Act 2011*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 15/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 21/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 28/6/11; Act No. 58, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 5) Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 5) Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to: change the eligibility criteria for accessing film tax offsets; extend the main residence capital gains tax exemption to certain compulsory acquisitions; include terminal medical condition benefits; and include school uniforms as an eligible expense for the education expenses tax offset; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to adjust the benchmark interest rate used to determine the cost of capital protection; *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* to allow non-profit sub-entities to access the goods and services tax concessions available to their parent entity; and *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to enable the Commissioner of Taxation not to apply a payment, credit or running balance account surplus against certain tax debts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/11/10; Passed 2/3/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Provisions of Schedule 2 of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report presented 25/3/11 and tabled 10/5/11

Committee amendments: 2 Opp/negated

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 61, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to exempt from income tax: the Disaster Recovery Subsidy paid to those affected by the floods in Australia during the summer of 2010-11 and by Cyclone Yasi; and ex-gratia payments to New Zealand non-protected special category visa holders for a disaster that occurred in Australia during the 2010-11 financial year; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Act 2009* to exempt from income tax certain payments paid to small businesses and primary producers affected by the floods in Australia during the summer of 2010-11 and by Cyclone Yasi; and *First Home Saver Accounts Act 2008* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to enable money in a First Home Saver Account to be paid into a genuine mortgage after the end of a minimum qualifying period.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 24/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 10/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/5/11; Act No. 31, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011**

Amends: the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to the list of deductible gift recipients; the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* in relation to self managed superannuation fund investment in collectables and personal use assets; the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997* and *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to allow superannuation fund trustees and retirement savings account providers to use tax file numbers in certain circumstances; the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999* to allow entities to self assess the goods and services tax treatment of a payment of an Australian tax, fee or charge; and 16 Acts to make technical amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/3/11; Passed 12/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 41, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 3) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* to allow supplies of particular types of new recreational boats to be goods and services tax free if the boats are exported within a specified 12-month period; and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to enable the ongoing imposition of the general interest charge in certain circumstances.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 25/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 51, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 4) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to: reduce the gross domestic product (GDP) factor to four per cent for the 2011-12 financial year for GDP-adjusted notional tax; and provide that contributions to superannuation required by an industrial instrument or rules of a superannuation fund are excluded from reportable employer superannuation contributions; *Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Act 2009* to make consequential amendments; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to provide that minors cannot use the low income tax offset to reduce tax due on certain income; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* in relation to the percentage of premiums for certain total and permanent disability insurance policies that can be claimed as deductions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/5/11; Passed 31/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 43, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to: trust beneficiaries continuing to use primary production income averaging in certain circumstances; the operation of the National Rental Affordability Scheme; and anti-avoidance rules for exempt entities used to 'shelter' the taxable income of a trust; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to enable trust beneficiaries to continue to use farm management deposits in certain circumstances; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* in relation to: capital gains and franked distributions of trusts; and phasing out the dependent spouse tax offset; and *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* to provide for a single statutory rate of 20 per cent to determine the taxable value of car fringe benefits. Also makes consequential amendments to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 23/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): Provisions of Schedule 5 of bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 22/6/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/passed (reference to committee)

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 62, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 6) Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to: provide that the outer regional and remote payment made under the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative is exempt from income tax; and update the list of deductible gift recipients; and *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* to provide that transport costs from an employee's residence to their employment in a remote area overseas is exempt from fringe benefits tax.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/6/11; Passed 17/8/11

**Senate:** Intro 18/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 18/8/11

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): No reference

**Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011**

Amends the *A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Act 1999* and *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to: increase the Medicare levy and Medicare levy surcharge low-income threshold amounts for individuals, families and pensioners below pension age; and increase the phase-in limits as a result of the increased threshold amounts.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 25/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 15/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/6/11; Act No. 44, 2011**

**Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010**

Introduced with the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010, the bill amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to replace the existing research and development (R&D) tax concession with a 45 per cent refundable R&D tax offset for eligible entities with a turnover of less than \$20 million, and a non-refundable 40 per cent R&D tax offset for all other eligible entities; *Industry Research and Development Act 1986* to set out the role of Innovation Australia in relation to the administration of the R&D tax offset; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* and *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to make consequential amendments. Also contains application, savings and transitional provisions.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 22/11/10

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 23/11/10; Passed 23/8/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Committee amendments: 41 Govt/passed; 56 Opp/negated; 1 Division (Opp)/Division agreed to

Committee requests for amendments: 6 Opp/negated

[House agreed to Senate amendments 24/8/11]

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**Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011**

(Previous title: Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011)

Introduced with the Income Tax Rates Amendment (Temporary Flood and Cyclone Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to implement a one-year progressive flood and cyclone reconstruction levy in the form of additional income tax in the 2011-12 financial year.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 10/2/11; Passed 24/2/11

SC report no. 13 (tabled 10/2/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 21/2/11

CID amendments: 12 Govt/passed

**Senate:** Intro. 28/2/11; Passed 22/3/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Economics Legislation Committee; report tabled 21/3/11

Reference: Provisions of bill and related matters referred to Senate Economics References Committee 3/3/11; interim report presented 20/4/11 and tabled 10/5/11; extension of time to report 10/5/11; second interim report presented 30/6/11 and tabled 4/7/11; extension of time to report 4/7/11; third interim report presented 29/7/11 and tabled 16/8/11; extension of time for final report 16/8/11; final report due 22/9/11

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 16, 2011**

**Taxation of Alternative Fuels Legislation Amendment Bill 2011**

Part of a package of four bills to apply an energy content based taxation to certain alternative fuels, the bill amends four Acts in relation to: the taxation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG); LPG reporting requirements; fuel tax credit entitlements; penalties concerning unauthorised excise-free LPG sale or use; and transitional excise licensing requirements for LPG, LNG and CNG.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 14/6/11

SC report no. 20 (tabled 12/5/11): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; report tabled 1/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 16/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): No reference

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 68, 2011**

### **Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

(Act citation: *Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2011*)

Amends the: *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: enable the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) to provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies in relation to telecommunications interception warrants; require carriers and certain carriage service providers to inform the Communications Access Co-ordinator of proposed changes to telecommunications services, networks, systems or devices that could adversely affect the ability to conduct interception; enable authorised police officers to disclose telecommunications data when trying to locate missing persons; enable enforcement agencies to apply for a stored communications warrant to access stored communications of a victim of a serious contravention, without the person's consent; permit notification of an interception warrant to be made to a representative of a carrier; and make technical amendments; and *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*, *Intelligence Services Act 2001* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to enable ASIO, the Australian Secret Intelligence Service, the Defence Signals Directorate and the Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation to work cooperatively.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 30/9/10; Passed 20/10/10

**Senate:** Intro. 25/10/10; Passed 2/3/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report presented 26/11/10 and tabled 9/2/11

Committee amendments: 1 Govt/passed; 1 AG/negated

[House agreed to Senate amendment 2/3/11]

**Assent: 22/3/11; Act No. 4, 2011**

### **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to require developers to install fibre-ready infrastructure in new developments and ensure that any fixed line facilities installed in a development must be fibre-ready.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 5/7/11

SC report no. 19 (tabled 11/5/11): Bill referred to Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network; report tabled in House 4/7/11 and Senate 5/7/11

CID amendments: 12 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 6/7/11; In committee 24/8/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

Committee amendments: 10 Opp/pending

**Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2011**

(Previous title: Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2010)

Introduced with the National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010, the bill amends the: *Telecommunications Act 1997* and *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* to: support the rollout of NBN-consistent fibre-to-the-premises networks in new real estate developments; place certain obligations on the supply of wholesale services by an NBN corporation; and require carriers (other than NBN corporations) operating certain superfast broadband networks to offer a wholesale Layer 2 ethernet bitstream service; and *Telecommunications Act 1997* in relation to infringement notices.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 25/11/10; Passed 1/3/11

SC report no. 9 (tabled 25/11/10): No reference

CID amendments: 2 AG/passed; 2 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 25/3/11

SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee; interim report presented 16/3/11 and tabled 21/3/11; final report presented 17/3/11 and tabled 21/3/11

Committee amendments: 35 Govt (4 as amended by 15 AG-Ind (Xenophon))/passed; 1 AG/passed 14 Ind (Xenophon)/passed; 33 subsections negated (Ind (Xenophon)); 1 Opp to Govt/negated; 1 Part opposed (Opp)/Part agreed to; 14 Opp/withdrawn

[House agreed to Senate amendments (1 Opp to Senate amendment no. 2 negated) 28/3/11]

**Assent: 12/4/11; Act No. 23, 2011**

**PS Territories Self-Government Legislation Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment of Laws) Bill 2011**

(Previous title: Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010)

(Introduced by Senator Bob Brown – AG)

Amends the: *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* to remove the Governor-General's power to disallow or recommend amendments of any enactments made by the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly; and *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* to remove the Governor-General's power to disallow or recommend amendments of any laws made by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

**Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 17/8/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Reference: Bill and AG amendments (circulated on sheet no. 7031) referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 2/3/11; extensions of time to report 21/3/11, 25/3/11; report presented 4/5/11 and tabled 10/5/11

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Committee amendments: 4 Govt/passed; 2 Brandis/negated

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 22/8/11; Read a 1st time 22/8/11; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

**S**      **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011, the bill establishes the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency as an independent national regulatory and quality assurance agency for higher education.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 10/5/11

Committee amendments: 20 Govt/passed

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 73, 2011**

**S**      **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Bill 2011, the bill amends the: *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* to provide that the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and its staff undertake functions relating to provider registration and monitoring; *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to recognise new registration requirements for higher education providers and the TEQSA; and proposed *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* to update the definition of 'vocational education and training course'. Also provides for the transition of functions from state and territories authorities to the TEQSA.

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 16/6/11

SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): Bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report tabled 10/5/11

Committee amendments: 9 Govt/passed

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 20/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 74, 2011**

**Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2011 Measures No. 1) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* in relation to: processes for the evaluation of prescription medicines; the refund of evaluation fees; and standard conditions for the registration or listing of therapeutic goods.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 23/3/11; Passed 12/5/11

**Senate:** Intro. 14/6/11; Passed 22/6/11

SBC report 5/11 (tabled and adopted 12/5/11): No reference

**Assent: 25/7/11; Act No. 77, 2011**

**Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Copyright) Bill 2011**

Amends the *Copyright Act 1968* to prevent companies commencing legal action asserting copyright in the text of an approved product information (PI) document for a medicine where it is used in the PI document of another version of the same medicine.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 24/2/11; Passed 23/3/11

SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 25/3/11; Passed 11/5/11

SBC report 2/11 (tabled and adopted 3/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 27/5/11; Act No. 39, 2011**

**Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2010**

Amends the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992* to make it an offence to advertise tobacco products on the internet and other electronic media and future technologies, unless the advertising complies with state or territory legislation or Commonwealth regulations.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 17/11/10; Passed 22/3/11  
SC report no. 7 (tabled 17/11/10): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 23/3/11; 2nd reading adjourned 23/3/11, 22/6/11  
SBC report 15/10 (tabled and adopted 26/11/10): No reference

**Tobacco Plain Packaging Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011, the bill prevents tobacco advertising and promotion on tobacco products and tobacco product packaging by making it an offence to sell, supply, purchase, package or manufacture tobacco products or packaging for retail sale that are not compliant with plain packaging requirements.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 24/8/11  
SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Health and Ageing Committee; report tabled 22/8/11

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

**Senate:** Intro. 25/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): No reference

**Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Tobacco Plain Packaging Bill 2011, the bill amends the *Trade Marks Act 1995* to provide that regulations may be made in relation to the plain packaging of tobacco so that businesses are not prevented from registering new trade marks or from protecting trade marks against infringement.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; Passed 24/8/11  
SC report no. 27 (tabled 7/7/11): Bill referred to House Health and Ageing Committee; report tabled 22/8/11

**Senate:** Intro. 25/8/11; 2nd reading adjourned 25/8/11  
SBC report 10/11 (tabled and adopted 18/8/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee; report due 19/9/11

**Trans-Tasman Proceedings Amendment and Other Measures Bill 2011**

The bill: amends the: *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010* in relation to staying an Australian proceeding on forum grounds; and *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010* and *Trans-Tasman Proceedings (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2010* to reflect amendments made by the New Zealand Parliament to the companion legislation to enable the cooperative scheme to operate; and retrospectively validates fees charged (from 1 March 2009 to 25 November 2010) for de facto financial proceedings under the *Family Law Act 1975*.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 2/3/11; Passed 11/5/11  
SC report no. 17 (tabled 3/3/11): No reference

**Senate:** Intro. 12/5/11; Passed 21/6/11  
SBC report 3/11 (tabled and adopted 24/3/11): No reference

**Assent: 29/6/11; Act No. 64, 2011**

**PS     Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind)

Amends the *Transport Safety Investigation Act 2003* to impose a penalty on any persons who improperly influence a ‘responsible person’ reporting an incident to aviation authorities.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee 30/9/10; extensions of time to report 17/11/10, 1/3/11; interim report presented 4/5/11 and tabled 10/5/11; extensions of time for final report 10/5/11, 15/6/11; final report tabled 23/6/11

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

**Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011**

Amends the: *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* to: create a prisoner of war recognition supplement; and clarify when compensation offsetting applies; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* to make consequential amendments; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* to abolish the temporary incapacity allowance.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 1/6/11; Passed 20/6/11

**Senate:** Intro. 22/6/11; 2nd reading adjourned 22/6/11

SBC report 7/11 (tabled and adopted 15/6/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee; report tabled 18/8/11

**Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment (Claims for Travel Expenses) Bill 2010**

Amends the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* to extend the time period for lodging a claim for non-treatment related travel expenses to 12 months and enable further extensions of time in exceptional circumstances.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 28/9/10; Read a 1st time 28/9/10; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

SC report no. 3 (tabled 21/10/10): No reference

**PS     Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010**

(Introduced by Senator Xenophon – Ind and Senator Hanson-Young – AG)

Enables the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to manage the water resources of the Basin as a single system during periods of extreme crisis.

**Senate:** Intro. 30/9/10; 2nd reading adjourned 30/9/10

SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference

Reference: Bill referred to Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee 26/10/10; report tabled 18/11/10

- S**      **Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Bill 2010 [2011]**  
 (Act citation: *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Act 2011*)  
 Amends the *Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005* to provide that a Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) standard may require a product to comply with certain requirements relating to plumbing before the product can be registered as a WELS product.
- Senate:** Intro. 29/9/10; Passed 25/10/10  
 SBC report 11/10 (tabled and adopted 30/9/10): No reference
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 26/10/10; Passed 28/2/11  
 SC report no. 5 (tabled 28/10/10): No reference
- Assent: 22/3/11; Act No. 6, 2011**
- PM**      **Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010**  
 (Introduced by Mr Abbott – LP)  
 Provides that the development or use of Aboriginal land in a wild river area cannot be regulated under the *Wild Rivers Act 2005* (Qld) without the written agreement of the land owner.
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 15/11/10; Removed from *Notice Paper 23/8/11*  
 SC report no. 6 (tabled 17/11/10): Bill referred to House Economics Committee; interim report tabled 21/2/11; final report tabled 12/5/11
- PS**      **Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011**  
 (Introduced by Senator Scullion – CLP)  
 Provides that the development or use of Aboriginal land in a wild river area cannot be regulated under the *Wild Rivers Act 2005* (Qld) without the written agreement of the land owner.
- Senate:** Intro. 10/2/11; In committee 12/5/11  
 SBC report 1/11 (tabled and adopted 10/2/11): No reference  
 2nd reading amendment: 1 Govt (as amended by Opp)/passed (reference to committee—*see below*)  
 Reference: Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee 24/3/11; report tabled 10/5/11; correction tabled 11/5/11  
 Committee amendment: 1 AG/pending
- Work Health and Safety Bill 2011**  
 Introduced with the Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011, the bill implements the Model Work Health and Safety Bill (the model bill) within the Commonwealth jurisdiction to form part of a system of nationally harmonised occupational health and safety laws which will apply to businesses and undertakings conducted by the Commonwealth, public authorities, and transitionally, non-Commonwealth licensees. State and territory governments, together with the Commonwealth, signed the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Occupational Health and Safety which commits the jurisdictions to implement the model laws by December 2011.
- House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 6/7/11, 25/8/11
- Senate:**  
 SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report presented 26/8/11

**Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011**

Introduced with the Work Health and Safety Bill 2011, the bill: repeals the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1991*; makes arrangements for transition to the new occupational health and safety laws; and amends the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* and *Social Security Act 1991* to make consequential amendments.

**House of Representatives:** Intro. 6/7/11; 2nd reading adjourned 6/7/11

**Senate:**

SBC report 9/11 (tabled and adopted 7/7/11): Provisions of bill referred to Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee; report presented 26/8/11

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