9 November 2011

Notice of Motion

I give notice that on the next day of sitting I will move that the Senate:

1. Notes the current and potential damage that imported asbestos is creating to the health of people in the Asia Pacific region;

2. Recognises the Australian Government’s efforts at the 2011 Conference of Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent to have chrysotile asbestos (white asbestos) asbestos listed in the Convention;

3. Expresses its disappointment that Canada is stalling listing of chrysotile asbestos (white asbestos) in the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent;

4. Calls upon the Canadian government to recognise the profound global implications of Canada’s continuing production and export of asbestos and asbestos containing products;

5. Supports the Australian government to use strong diplomatic efforts to convince the Canadian Government to cease both production and trade in asbestos.

Senator Bob Brown