



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 3 February 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.30 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following private senators' bill was introduced

- Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010

The following bill was debated

- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009–
 - second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]–paragraph (a) of an Australian Greens [second reading amendment](#) agreed to [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]
 - committee of the whole commenced–[1 Opposition amendment](#) to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bill was passed

- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2010–20 Government amendments and 5 Australian Greens amendments [agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- Protection of Personal Information Bill 2010–notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)
For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee–Annual reports referred to committees–[Report No. 1](#) of 2010

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 1](#) of 2010 and [1st report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- [Work of committees](#)—Yearly statistics: 1 January to 31 December 2009; and half-year statistics: 1 July to 31 December 2009

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to the access of small business to finance to the Economics References Committee to report by 30 June 2010.

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Economics References Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 4 February 2010 from 5.00 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Australian dairy industry.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—to report by 6 May 2010
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee—Fourth report—to report by 13 May 2010

Notice of motion given to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—
 - 4 February 2010 from 12.30 pm—Operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*
 - 4 February 2010—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Senator Back to replace Senator Heffernan for the consideration of the 2009-10 additional estimates on 8 February 2010
- Privileges Committee—Senator Johnston discharged and Senator McGauran appointed

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Carr) to [table information](#) relating to certain landholder agreements—no later than 22 February 2010
- Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) to [table the final report](#) of the Australia's Future Tax System Review Panel—no later than 9.30 am on 4 February 2010

Documents tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled a statement and documents in relation to the *Oceanic Viking*. [Tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [2 February 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for the Defence and Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolios were tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 20 of 2009-10 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- Responses to a Senate resolution about renal health services—from the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) and the South Australian Minister for Health (Mr Hill) [resolution agreed to [17 November 2009](#)] [[a motion](#) to take note of the responses was agreed to]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) tabled a ministerial statement on the one year anniversary of the nation building plan [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Home sustainability assessors](#) and the Green Loans Program—moved by Senator Milne
- [Renewable Energy Certificates](#) and the Renewable Energy Target—moved by Senator Milne

Motions negatived

- [Boobook Declaration](#) for biodiversity protection—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Senator Siewert
- [Death penalty](#) and death sentences in China—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Ramsar convention](#) and wetland management—moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Siewert
- [Tamil asylum seekers](#) at Merak, Indonesia—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Climate change](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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