



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 25 October 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.30 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Carer Recognition Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 October 2010]
- ❑ Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 October 2010]
- ❑ National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 October 2010]
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Tradex Scheme Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 October 2010]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2010
- Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2010

[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- National Measurement Amendment Bill 2010
- Service and Execution of Process Amendment (Interstate Fine Enforcement) Bill 2010
- Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Bill 2010

[The House of Representatives will now consider these bills]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Environment and Communications References Committee—Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources [[report](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Committee's visit to Indonesia and Singapore, 5 to 9 July 2010
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Matters referred to the committee during the previous Parliament [A motion to adopt the [report](#) was agreed to and the inquiry into the Australian Horse Industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement was re-adopted with a reporting date of 25 November 2010.]

Documents tabled

- Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information

Government responses tabled

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—Operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*—Interim report
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Australia's judicial system and the role of judges

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 26 October 2010 from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010.

Notices of motion given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—27 October 2010 from 4.00 pm—2010-11 supplementary budget estimates for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee—27 October 2010 from 11.00 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to committees

- Adverse impacts of rural wind farms—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 April 2011—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by 18 November 2010—notice given by Senators Xenophon and Hanson-Young

To vary an order of the Senate

- Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010—varying the order of the Senate of 30 September 2010 referring the bill to a committee—notice given by Senator Siewert

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Champion, Mr SP Jones, Mr Neumann, Mr Frydenberg, Mr Ciobo and Mr Wilkie had been appointed as members of the Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee.

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

[Notices of motion](#) given

- ❑ Senator Birmingham gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the Green Loans Program by no later than noon on 28 October 2010
- ❑ Senator Cormann gave three notices of motion requiring documents relating to the Resource Super Profits Tax to be tabled by noon on 28 October 2010

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for [various 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 contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency grants

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries nos [26](#) and [39](#)] [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 12 of 2010-11
- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Ireland and Italy—26 June to 10 July 2010—Report
- ❑ Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2009-10
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Report for 2009-10
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure—1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments to senators and members—1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Annual report 2009-10
- ❑ President of the Senate—Official visit to the United Kingdom—15 to 22 April 2010—Report
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about mobile phone chargers—from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Committees (Mr Burke) [resolution agreed to [23 June 2010](#)]

Ministerial statements tabled

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) tabled a ministerial statement on Australia's commitment to Afghanistan [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#). Debate will continue on a future sitting day.]

The Minister for Small Business (Senator Sherry) tabled ministerial statements about:

- Global and domestic economies
- National counter-terrorism exercise: Mercury 10

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Siewert about [tobacco advertising](#).

Matter of public importance discussed

The Senate discussed [issues](#) relating to the Murray-Darling Basin, raised by Senator Fifield as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

Death of former senator and former member

The President informed the Senate of the death on 18 October 2010 of the Honourable Kenneth Shaw Wriedt, a senator for the state of Tasmania from 1968 to 1980 [[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans)].

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Troeth) informed the Senate of the death on 1 July 2010 of Dr Gareth Clayton, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Isaacs from 1974 to 1975.

Personal explanation

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) made a [personal explanation](#) about an article in the *Hobart Mercury* of 23 October 2010 concerning a matter currently before the High Court relating to his election to the Senate.

Notices of motion

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

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