



# This week at a glance

## 28 to 30 September 2010

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

### **43rd Parliament**

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The 43rd Parliament will be opened on 28 September by the Deputy of the Governor-General in the Senate chamber (see pages 3 and 4 for an outline of the program).

As agreed to by both Houses on 23 June 2010 [see [Journals of the Senate](#) and [Votes and Proceedings](#)], a Welcome to Country ceremony will take place on the Forecourt of Parliament House prior to the opening.

After the opening of the Parliament, Senators Humphries and Lundy (representing the Australian Capital Territory) and Crossin and Scullion (representing the Northern Territory) will be sworn in.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor-General will address members and senators. The address-in-reply (the Senate's response to the Governor-General's speech) is programmed for debate in the Senate during the week.

### **Other business**

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Since the prorogation of the 42nd Parliament in July 2010, a large number of documents have been presented out of sitting. These will be tabled on 28 September. Click [here](#) for a complete list of these documents.

During the week the Senate is expected to establish its sitting pattern for the remainder of the year, and dates for supplementary budget estimates. The programs for [estimates hearings](#) will be available online. The Senate is also expected to appoint members to Senate committees and move to reappoint joint committees.

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**Online**

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

It is issued by the Senate Table Office as a convenient summary of each day's proceedings in the Senate. For a complete account see the official record, the *Journals of the Senate*, on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/pubs/index.htm>.

**Related resources**

The *Order of Business* (or 'Senate Red') and the *Dynamic Red* (which updates the *Order of Business* throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

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## OPENING OF PARLIAMENT 28 SEPTEMBER 2010

The events and approximate times associated with the Opening of Parliament on Tuesday 28 September 2010, will be:

### *Morning Proceedings*

- 8.50am Senators and members assemble on Forecourt for Welcome to Country Ceremony [restricted to senators and members and invited guests **only**].
- 9.00am Welcome to Country Ceremony [televised in theatrette and on channel 15 of house monitoring system].
- 10.15am Forecourt/Foyer – arrival of the Deputy of the Governor-General, the Hon Robert French AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.
- 10.25am Senate and House bells ring
- 10.30am Senate and House assemble. Deputy directs Black Rod to request members to attend Senate Chamber
- 10.40am Senate Chamber – The Deputy addresses both Houses and opens the Parliament.  
Deputy and members retire
- 10.45am Senate Chamber – Swearing-in of territory senators
- 10.55am House of Representatives Chamber – Swearing-in of members by Deputy  
(approx)
- Senate suspends.
- 11.35am Forecourt/Foyer – The Deputy departs Parliament House  
(approx)
- House of Representatives Chamber – Election of Speaker. At conclusion House suspends.

*For the morning proceedings staff and members of the public are welcome to view proceedings in the public galleries of the Senate. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The public galleries in the House of Representatives will be occupied by invited guests but limited seating will be available in the first and second floor galleries.*

*Afternoon Proceedings*

- 2.00pm Forecourt – Her Excellency the Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC and Mr Bryce arrive. The Governor-General receives the Royal Salute and inspects the Guard and Band.
- 2.25pm House bells ring
- 2.30pm Members assemble and proceed to Members’ Hall.
- The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives are presented to the Governor-General.
- 2.55pm Senate bells ring.
- 3.00pm Senate Chamber – The Governor-General directs Black Rod to request members to attend the Senate Chamber.
- The Governor-General addresses both Houses.
- 3.20-3.40pm (approx) At the conclusion of the Opening Speech a 19 Gun Salute is fired from Federation Mall.
- After the Governor-General is escorted from the chamber, members return to their chamber.
- 4.00pm Members’ Hall – Afternoon Tea is served to invited guests.
- 4.35pm Forecourt – The Governor-General departs Parliament House.
- For the afternoon proceedings access to galleries in the Senate Chamber is restricted to invited guests. Events will be screened on the house monitoring system on channel 15 (full coverage), 1(Reps), 2 (Senate) and in the theatrette.*
- 4.55pm Senate and House bells ring.
- 5.00pm Senate and House assemble (both chambers open to the public).
- During the various events connected with the Opening, areas of the building will be closed to all but participants and invited guests. The public car park will be open as usual but spaces will be limited. There will be short road closures on Parliament Drive. We ask for the co-operation of all occupants of the building when areas of the building are closed for ceremonies and processions.*

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