



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 29 September 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.24 pm

## Legislation

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[For bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Measurement Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

- ❑ Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Service and Execution of Process Amendment (Interstate Fine Enforcement) Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]

### Notices of motion

#### To introduce bills

- ❑ Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Drink Container Recycling Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)
- ❑ Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

#### To restore private senator's bills to the Notice Paper

- ❑ Choice of Repairer Bill 2010
- ❑ Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009
- ❑ Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008  
—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

- ❑ The Senate agreed to motions—
  - [amending](#) standing order 25(1) (committee name changes) and allocating portfolios to committees
  - [establishing](#) committee groupings and dates for supplementary budget estimates hearings

### [New inquiries](#)

The Senate referred the following matters to the Procedure Committee to report by 27 October 2010—

- ❑ Amendments to the standing orders

- Standing order 104, relating to the correction of divisions

### [Appointment of select committee](#)

The Senate agreed to appoint the Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee.

### [Notices of motion given](#)

To appoint a select committee

- New Taxes Select Committee—to report by 30 November 2011—notice given by Senator Cormann

To refer matters to committees

- Interactive and online gambling—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 18 November 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Matters relating to pilot experience requirements and training—Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 17 November 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to [various appointments](#) to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References committees.

## **Documents**

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### **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**

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered that [documents](#) relating to superannuation and the Henry Tax Review be tabled by noon on 30 September 2010.

Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Sherry) to table the report of the Montara Commission of Inquiry—no later than 8 October 2010.

Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

A letter of advice for the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio was 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*

A letter of advice for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio was 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]

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for Old Parliament House was tabled [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. 9 of 2010-11 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]
- Australian National Audit Office—Annual report for 2009-10
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

**Other business**

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

**Days of meeting**

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the sitting days for the remainder of 2010.

**Motions agreed to**

- [Afghan nationals](#)—Processing of asylum applications—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Government responses to immigration detention reports](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [National Carers Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

**Motions negated**

- [Detaining](#) of children and families in immigration facilities—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Biodiversity loss](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Radioactive waste management](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

**Matter of public importance discussed**

The Senate discussed [issues](#) relating to the budget and interest rates, raised by Senator Fifield as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

**Address-in-reply**

Debate commenced on the [Address-in-reply](#) to the Governor-General's speech and will resume on a later sitting day. An [Opposition amendment](#) remains to be determined.

**Notices of motion**

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

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