



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 16 June 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2010]
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (How-to-Vote Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2010]
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2010]
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Pre-poll Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2010]
- ❑ Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—1 Government amendment and 4 Government requests for amendments agreed to, 2 subclauses, 4 clauses and 2 Parts negatived [see Journals entries nos [4](#) and [38](#)] [further amendments remain to be considered]
- ❑ Paid Parental Leave (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced [amendments remain to be considered]

Proposed variation to hours of meeting

The Senate did not agree to a motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business for 17 June 2010 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered [[first speaker](#)].

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2010 and [6th 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

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Correspondence from the Secretary of the Industrial Relations Society of Australia and the Chair of the Committee relating to the appearance of the President of Fair Work Australia at estimates hearings

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 8](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 22 June 2010
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 26 August 2010

Other references

- [Funding arrangements](#) for tax reform advertisements—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 30 June 2010
- Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 21 June 2010

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—17 June 2010 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm—[Reconvene to resume consideration](#) of the 2010-11 Budget estimates
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—16 June 2010—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—17 June 2010 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm—Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the ‘Guidelines on Campaign Advertising’

Reporting dates extended or established

The Senate extended or established reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs References Committee—Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia—to report by 2 September 2010

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources–to report by 30 July 2010
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–COAG reforms relating to health and hospitals–to report by 21 June 2010
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Import restrictions on beef–to report by 22 June 2010

Notice of motion given

A [notice of motion](#) was given by Senator Back to refer matters relating to the Australian horse industry to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for report by 30 August 2010.

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that any documents provided by the Government to the meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at Busan, Korea relating to the phasing out of fossil fuel subsidies be tabled by 10.00 am on 17 June 2010.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Statement concerning Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Limited–tabled by the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [12 May 2010](#)]
- ❑ Response by the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) to an order for the production of documents relating to therapeutic groups [agreed to on [11 May 2010](#)]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) nos 43 and 44 of 2009-10
- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation–United Nations and other International Agencies in Europe and the 121st Assembly of the Inter-parliamentary Union in Geneva, 7 to 24 October 2009–Report [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Correction to the 2010-11 portfolio budget statements for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled a ministerial statement about the International Whaling Commission [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](#)

Motion agreed to

- [World Trade Organization report](#) relating to the importation of apples from New Zealand—moved by Senators Colbeck, Xenophon and Milne and the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Impact](#) of the proposed new tax on resources on small quarries and on the cost of living—proposed by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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