



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 26 October 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.29 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bill introduced

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 October 2010]

Notice of motion to introduce a bill

- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans)

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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New inquiry

The Senate [agreed to refer](#) the Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010 to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee to report by 18 November 2010.

Transfer of reference

The Senate varied its order of [30 September 2010](#) and transferred the reference of the Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 from the Community Affairs Legislation Committee to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while 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)

Notices of motion given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting [private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)]

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–28 October 2010 from 3.00 pm
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–27 October 2010 from 4.30 pm

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ Management of the Murray-Darling Basin–Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 November 2011–notice given by the Chair of the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Heffernan)

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising of various appointments to joint committees.

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]

Notices of motion to approve determinations

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) gave [notices of motion](#) to approve the following determinations made under section 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*:

- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2010 (No. 2) [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net – Midwives) Amendment Determination 2010 [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to four orders, requiring documents to be tabled by noon on 28 October 2010:

- ❑ Government's mining tax proposals [three orders – see Journals entries nos [11](#), [12](#) and [13](#)].
- ❑ [Green Loans Program](#)

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for the Australian Taxation Office and the Finance and Deregulation portfolio were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the construction of a new access road to the National Archives of Australia, and outdoor exhibits at Questacon. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposals.

Ministerial statements

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Commonwealth response to the final report of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission
- ❑ Murray-Darling Basin reform [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]

Debate continued on the [ministerial statement](#) tabled on 25 October 2010—Afghanistan: No safe haven [[first speaker](#) – debate will continue on a future sitting day].

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Mental healthcare](#)—moved by Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Motion negatived

- ❑ [Emissions reduction target](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [The Government's budget and fiscal policy](#)—moved by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Acknowledgement of country

A [motion](#) to amend standing order 50 to include an acknowledgement of country after prayers, was moved by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) and agreed to.

Notices of motion

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

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