



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 23 June 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.29 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2010]

The following bills were passed [a [motion](#) to consider the bills under a limitation of time was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010–3 Government, 3 Opposition, 4 Australian Greens and 3 Senator Xenophon amendments agreed to today [see Journals entries [nos 4](#) and [28](#)] [for previous consideration in committee of the whole, see Journals of the Senate, [22 June 2010](#)] [the House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010
Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010
[These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Choice of Repairer Bill 2010–notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) [private senator's bill]
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010–notice given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)
- Financial Management and Accountability Amendment (Value for Money in Government Spending) Bill 2010–notice given by Senator Barnett [private senator's bill]
- Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010–notice given by Senator Barnett [private senator's bill]

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Bill 2010
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010
- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Indexation) Bill 2010
- ❑ Immigration (Education) Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010
- ❑ Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 3) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Foreign Source Income Deferral) Bill (No. 1) 2010
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2009

–[notice given](#) by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the routine of business for 24 June 2010 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Eight legislation committees](#) tabled reports into the 2010-11 Budget estimates.

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ [Excise Tariff Amendment](#) (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Other reports

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–[COAG reforms](#) relating to health and hospitals [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2010 and [7th 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

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Native vegetation laws, greenhouse gas abatement and climate change measures—Additional information
- Senators' Interests Committee—
 - Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 2 December 2008 and 21 June 2010
 - Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 November 2009 and 21 June 2010

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009
- Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—tabled by the President of the Senate on 26 November 2009

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 2 September 2010
- Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 30 July 2010
- Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 24 August 2010

Other references

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—[Past and present practices](#) of donor conception in Australia—to report by 30 November 2010
- Privileges Committee—[Adequacy of advice](#) contained in the Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters—to report by 2 September 2010
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Matters](#) relating to biosecurity and quarantine arrangements—to report by 22 November 2010

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 23 June 2010 from 6.00 pm for the committee's inquiry into the continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into the management of aircraft noise by Airservices Australia to 24 June 2010.

Proposal to modify an order of the Senate

The Senate did not agree to a proposal to [modify](#) an order of the Senate agreed to on [28 October 2009](#), relating to the appearance of the President of Fair Work Australia at hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee.

Variation to the appointment of a committee

The Senate [varied](#) the resolution appointing the Fuel and Energy Select Committee.

[Notices of motion](#) given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Food production in Australia—to report by 23 August 2010
- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Energy Efficient Homes Package—to report by 2 July 2010

To refer matters to committees

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Matters relating to online privacy protection—to report by 20 October 2010—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation—to report by 1 July 2011—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Import of Chinese apples into Australia and the Australia/United States cherry trade—to report by 31 July 2010—notice given by Senators Nash and Colbeck

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]

Notice of motion withdrawn

Senator Xenophon withdrew a notice of motion to disallow new regulations 4.67C and 4.67E in item [2] of Schedule 1 to the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1). [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Carr) to table the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Montara oil spill was defeated.

Documents tabled

The following documents were tabled in response to orders of the Senate:

- ❑ Senator Collins tabled a statement in response to an order of the Senate concerning the Energy Efficiency task force report [order agreed to on [22 June 2010](#)]
- ❑ The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled a statement in response to an order of the Senate concerning an exemption from the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies [order agreed to on [22 June 2010](#)] [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) nos 47 and 48 of 2009-10
- ❑ Correspondence from the President of the Senate to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Mr Tanner)–Ordinary annual services of the Government
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 24 November 2009 and 21 June 2010
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [A petitioning document](#)

Ministerial statements

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) made a [statement](#) about Afghanistan [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) tabled a ministerial statement about e-health reform [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Indigenous “Welcome to Country” ceremony](#) at the opening of Parliament—moved by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans) [[first speaker](#)]
- [National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Proposed government inquiry](#) into the koala population—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Regulation of mobile phone chargers](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion negatived

- [Mandatory requirement](#) for last resort builders home warranty insurance—moved by Senator Milne

Death of Australian Defence Force personnel

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death, on 21 June 2010, of Private Timothy Aplin, Private Benjamin Chuck and Private Scott Palmer, while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

Notices of motion

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

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