



# Senate Daily Summary

**Monday, 7 September 2009**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.30pm

## Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)>

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 August 2009]
- ❑ Automotive Transformation Scheme Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 August 2009]
- ❑ National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 August 2009]
- ❑ Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [No. 2]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2009  
Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform) Bill 2009

[These bills will now be assented to]

### Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

## Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

## Committees

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

## Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Australian Citizenship](#) Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Corporations Amendment](#) (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee
- [National Consumer Credit](#) Protection Bill 2009 and 2 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee
- [National Security Legislation](#) Monitor Bill 2009–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- [Trade Practices Amendment](#) (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee

Other report

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities–Interim report [reporting date for the final report extended to 29 October 2009]

## Documents tabled

- Finance and Public Administration Committee–Residential and community aged care in Australia–Additional information
- Migration Joint Committee–Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency–Correction to dissenting report by Senator Hanson-Young

## Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate was sitting on 7 September 2009 from 4.00pm for the committee’s inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009.

## Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009–to report by 17 September 2009

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—to report by 26 November 2009

#### To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
  - 9 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the ‘Guidelines on Campaign Advertising’
  - 16 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Review of the *Auditor-General Act 1997*

#### To refer a matter to a committee

- [Review of economic stimulus initiatives](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 16 September 2009—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to discharge Senator Humphries from and appoint Senator Scullion to the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee.

## 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]

### Notice of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1) [[homepage](#)].

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Documents tabled

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) tabled the report of the National Preventative Health Taskforce—Australia: The healthiest country by 2020—National preventative health strategy the roadmap for action [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [19 August 2009](#) on the motion of Senators Cormann and Barnett]

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were 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*

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries nos [19](#) and [28](#)] [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. 2 of 2009-10
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
  - ❑ Death of Ms Natalya Estemirova—from the Ambassador of the Russian Federation (His Excellency Alexander Blokhin) [resolution agreed to [18 August 2009](#)]
  - ❑ Federal Court of Australia registry services in Australia—from the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia (the Honourable Michael Black, AC) [resolution agreed to [12 August 2009](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

**Ministerial statements tabled**

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled ministerial statements on:

- ❑ Commonwealth response to the interim report of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ The Montara oil spill incident and response

**Other business**

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

**Motion negatived**

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) about [parliamentary consideration](#) of Australian Defence Force personnel in Afghanistan.

**Motion debated**

The Senate discussed [issues](#) relating to the Building the Education Revolution program, raised by Senator Parry as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

**Statement by President**

The President made a [statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Milne about evidence given before the Climate Policy Select Committee and the Fuel and Energy Select Committee [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

**Notices of motion**

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

