



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 August 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.13pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were debated

- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Renewable Energy](#) (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2009 and [8th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 11](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 24 November 2009
- Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 24 November 2009

Other references

- Economics References Committee—[Matters](#) relating to the GROCERYchoice website—to report by 26 October 2009
- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—[Potential impacts](#) of mining operations in the Murray-Darling Basin—to report by 26 October 2009
- Privileges Committee—[Matters](#) relating to the hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009 on the OzCar program [[first speaker](#)]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to evidence given before the Economics Committee on 22 October 2008 to the Privileges Committee. [[first speaker](#)]

Public meetings

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—13 August 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am—Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—19 August, 9 September and 16 September 2009 from 12.30pm to 2.00pm—Changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories

Notices of motion to extend reporting deadlines

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—
 - Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—to report by 20 August 2009
 - Personal Property Securities Bill 2009—to report by 20 August 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
 - Access to justice—to report by 30 October 2009
 - Australia's judicial system and the role of judges—to report by 17 September 2009

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—Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008 by no later than 20 August 2009.

Documents tabled

- ❑ 40th Conference of Presiding Officers and Clerks–Tarawa, Kiribati–7 to 14 July 2009
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Reforms to national security legislation
- ❑ The scientific imperative for action on climate change [a [statement by leave](#) was made]

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) made statements about:

- ❑ [Afghanistan](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ [An accident](#) involving an Airlines PNG aircraft in Papua New Guinea

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

- ❑ [9th anniversary](#) of the United Nations International Youth Day–moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [60th anniversary](#) of the Geneva conventions–moved by the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) [a [statement](#) by leave was made–a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to]
- ❑ [Federal Court of Australia](#) registry services in Tasmania–moved by Senator Abetz and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Unrest in Xinjiang province](#) in China–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Death of former member

The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death, on 8 August 2009, of Peter Milton, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of La Trobe, from 1980 to 1990.

Notices of motion

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

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