



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.04 pm

## 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

- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills [A motion for the bills to proceed without formalities was debated and negatived – [first speaker](#). As a result, subsequent stages of the passage of the bills must now take place on different days. See standing orders [112](#), [114](#), [120](#) and [122](#)]
- Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2009
- Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Bill 2009

[These bills were passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2009]

The following bill was passed

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009–7 Opposition and 2 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate – see Journals entries nos [24](#) and [40](#).]

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–[Review](#) of the re-listing of Hamas’ Brigades, PKK, LeT and PIJ as terrorist organisations [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–
  - [415th report](#)–Review of Auditor-General’s reports tabled between September 2008 and January 2009
  - [416th report](#)–Review of the major projects report 2007-08

[a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]

- Treaties Joint Committee—[107th report](#)—Treaties tabled on 20 August (2) and 15 September 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

### **Documents tabled**

- Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information—
  - Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009
  - Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009
  - National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and related bills
  - Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009—Errata

### **Public meetings**

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

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—17 November 2009—2007 Federal Election and matters related thereto
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—17 November 2009 from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm—Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—to report by 25 February 2010
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009—to report by 19 November 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 26 November 2009
  - Access to justice
  - Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges

### **Notices of motion given**

To extend reporting deadlines

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—
  - Impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin—to report by 26 November 2009
  - Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—to report by 3 February 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—18 November 2009 from 4.00 pm—Food production in Australia

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—19 November 2009 from 12.45 pm to 2.00 pm—Impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—19 November 2009 from 5.00 pm—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

#### [To vary terms of reference](#)

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers

#### **Membership**

The Senate agreed that Senator Ludlam replace Senator Siewert on the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for the committee's inquiry into the process for determining public interest immunity claims, and Senator Siewert be appointed as a participating member of the 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]

#### **Regulation disallowed**

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow the Threat Abatement Plan for disease in natural ecosystems caused by *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (2009), made under section 279 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

#### **Motion to disallow defeated**

The Senate did not agree to a motion which would have disallowed the Proclamation made on 14 May 2009 [Coral Sea Conservation Zone] under subsection 390D(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* [[homepage](#)] [[first speaker](#)].

#### **Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion to disallow Schedule 2 of the Fair Work Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 164 and made under the *Fair Work Act 2009* [[homepage](#)] was withdrawn.

#### **Orders for the production of documents**

##### Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Assessment](#) by Geoscience Australia relating to underground carbon dioxide storage sites—no later than 4.00 pm on 18 November 2009

- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)—to table a [document](#) relating to an appointment to NBN Co—no later than 10.00 am on 18 November 2009
- Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig)—
  - to table [documents](#) relating to aged care providers—no later than 12.00 pm on 18 November 2009
  - to table [legal advice](#) relating to the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009—no later than 5.00 pm on 17 November 2009

### [Notice of motion given](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- Map of Australian forest cover—by no later than 4.00 pm on 19 November 2009—notice given by Senator Milne
- Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (Senator Arbib) to table copies of agreements relating to the Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Fisher

### **Documents tabled**

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 11 of 2009-10
- [Government documents](#)

### **Ministerial statement tabled**

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled a ministerial statement on an update on the Montara oil spill incident [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

## **Other business**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

- [Closure of National Archives offices](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Senator Hanson-Young
- [Renal health services](#) for Aboriginal Australians—moved by Senator Siewert

### **Motion negated**

- [Resettlement of Uighur men](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### **Notices of motion**

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

