



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.31 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 debated

- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]—1 Australian Greens second reading [amendment](#) to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

### Notices of motion

To introduce a private senators' bill

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Xenophon, the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)

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

- Appropriation (Water Entitlements and Home Insulation) Bill 2009-2010
- Appropriation (Water Entitlements) Bill 2009-2010  
—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) of motion was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 19 November 2009 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

### Message from the House of Representatives

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009—agreeing to 2 amendments made by the Senate and disagreeing to 7 amendments [The Senate will reconsider the [amendments](#) disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

## **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](#)

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## **Estimates–Documents tabled**

[Particulars](#) of proposed expenditure and portfolio supplementary estimates statements relating to water entitlements and home insulation were tabled.

## **Reports tabled**

- Economics References Committee–[GROCERYchoice website](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No.14](#) of 2009 and [13th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

## **Documents tabled**

- Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009– Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee– Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and submissions

## **Public meetings**

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while 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

## **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- 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

## **Terms of reference varied**

The Senate [varied the terms of reference](#) of the inquiry of the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee into Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers.

## Notice of motion given to refer matters to a committee

A [notice of motion](#) was given to refer matters relating to the Church of Scientology to the Community Affairs References Committee for report by 18 March 2010.

## 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]

### Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Map of Australian forest cover](#)—by no later than 4.00 pm on 19 November 2009
- 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—part (1) of the order to be tabled by 3.00 pm on 19 November 2009, parts (2) and (3) ongoing

### Documents tabled

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

- Documents relating to an appointment to NBN Co. [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 November 2009](#)]
- Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)—
  - documents relating to aged care providers [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 November 2009](#)]
  - documents relating to Geoscience Australia's assessment of carbon dioxide storage sites [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 November 2009](#)]
  - documents relating to the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 November 2009](#)] [A motion to take note of the documents was debated and agreed to — [first speaker](#)]

### Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require certain documents relating to cataract surgery to be tabled by 12.00 pm on 20 November 2009.

### Documents tabled

- Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2008-09 on the Ombudsman's activities in monitoring controlled operations conducted by the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) tabled a ministerial statement about landmines.

### Other business

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[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

- [Access to dialysis services](#) in central Australia—moved by Senator Siewert [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- [Audit of support](#) to Indonesia for asylum seeker management—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Closure](#) of the Australian Technical College Northern Tasmania—moved by Senators Barnett, Colbeck and Parry
- [Global Framework](#) for Action on Water and Sanitation—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Peer review standards](#) at the CSIRO—moved by Senator Milne

### Motion negated

- [Responses](#) to the challenge of peak oil—moved by Senator Milne

### Notices of motion

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

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