



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 19 November 2009

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.43 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

- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 November 2009]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 November 2009]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ Appropriation (Water Entitlements and Home Insulation) Bill 2009-2010
- ❑ Appropriation (Water Entitlements) Bill 2009-2010

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Social Security Amendment (National Green Jobs Corps Supplement) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

### Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009—agreeing to 5 amendments made by the Senate, disagreeing to 1 amendment and making an amendment in place of that amendment [The Senate did not insist on its amendment and agreed to the replacement amendment made by the House. The bill will now be assented to.]

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Crimes Amendment](#) (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009—  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other report

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—[Economic challenges](#) facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report] [a [notice of motion](#) was given to enable the Committee to report on the security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific by 24 December 2009]

### [Government responses](#) tabled

- Economics Committee—
  - Lost in space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector
  - Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—Workforce challenges in the transport industry
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula

### New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 17](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009  
Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009  
—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 18 March 2010
- Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009—Economics  
Legislation Committee—to report by 9 March 2010

### Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Financial products and services in Australia—to report by 24 November 2009
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—to report by 25 November 2009

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- National Broadband Network Select Committee—23 November 2009 from 3.30 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

## 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 intention to withdraw a notice

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the National Health Security (SSBA Standards) Amendment Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under subsection 35(1) of the *National Health Security Act 2007* [[homepage](#)].

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that certain documents relating to cataract surgery times be tabled by 12.00 pm on 20 November 2009.

#### Documents tabled

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

- Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—statement relating to an order to produce a map of Australian forest cover [order of the Senate agreed to on [18 November 2009](#)]
- Statement relating to the Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [tabled in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [18 November 2009](#)]

#### Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table legal advice relating to the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 by no later than 12.00 pm on 24 November 2009.

### Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 12](#) of 2009-10
- President of the Senate—Official visit to New Zealand, 28 June to 3 July 2009—Report

### Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

## Other business

---

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

### Motions agreed to

- [20th anniversary](#) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child—moved by Senators Birmingham and Barnett
- [Award of medals](#) to Australian Kiaps in the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary—moved by Senator Humphries

### Motion negatived

- [Death penalty for juveniles in Iran](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

### Motion debated

- [Immigration policy](#) and the *Oceanic Viking*—moved by Senator Fierravanti-Wells [[first speaker](#)]

### Mr Harry Evans—Clerk of the Senate

Valedictory statements were made relating to the retirement of Mr Harry Evans, Clerk of the Senate [[first speaker](#)].

### Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

---

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

\* \* \* \* \*

#### Online

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

It is issued by the Senate Table Office as a convenient summary of each day’s proceedings in the Senate. For a complete account see the official record, the *Journals of the Senate*, on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/pubs/index.htm>

#### Related resources

The *Order of Business* (or ‘Senate Red’) and the *Dynamic Red* (which updates the *Order of Business* throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

#### Contact details

Inquiries, comments and suggestions:      phone 6277 3021  
   e-mail: [sds@aph.gov.au](mailto:sds@aph.gov.au)