



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 23 November 2009

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.20 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Appropriation (Water Entitlements and Home Insulation) Bill 2009-2010
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[passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2009]
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Participation Requirement) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]
- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009 [private senators' bill]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Tertiary Admission Centres) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]
- ❑ Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 November 2009]

The following bills were debated

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

Bill passed

Motions moved by Senator Cormann to suspend standing orders [[first speaker](#)] and to enable the Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009 to have precedence were agreed to.

The Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009 was then debated [[first speaker](#)] and passed—7 Opposition amendments and 2 Opposition/Family First/Senator Xenophon amendments were agreed to and 1 subsection negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

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

- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Bill 2009
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2009

—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

Relating to the consideration of bills

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) relating to the third reading of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills.

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 24 November 2009 to enable the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills to be considered.

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Personal Property](#) Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—[Provision of childcare](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Privileges Committee—[141st Report](#)—Possible interference with, or imposition of a penalty on, a witness before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee [a [motion](#) was moved in relation to the report]

- Public Works Joint Committee–
 - [6th report of 2009](#)–Redevelopment of the Villawood immigration detention facility
 - [7th report of 2009](#)–Referrals made August to October 2009
- [a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]

New inquiry

The Senate [referred](#) the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and related bills and Government amendments to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee to report by 1 February 2010.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–23 November 2009 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- National Broadband Network Select Committee–23 November 2009 from 3.30 pm
- Privileges Committee–23 and 24 November 2009

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- 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

Reporting date established

The Senate established a reporting date of 24 December 2009 for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee into the security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs References Committee–Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia–to report by 18 March 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–24 November 2009 from 4.00 pm–Food production in Australia
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–25 November 2009 from 5.00 pm–Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–25 November 2009 from 11.00 am–Australia’s trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ [Access to planning options](#) and services for people with a disability and their carers—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 2 September 2010—notice given by Senator Boyce
- ❑ [Role and practices](#) of liquidators and administrators prior to and following the collapse of a business—Economics References Committee—to report by 31 August 2010

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 motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a notice of motion 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](#) 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.

Document tabled

An interim response to an order of the Senate [agreed to on [19 November 2009](#)] relating to the production of documents concerning cataract surgery times was tabled.

Notice of motion given

Senator Fierravanti-Wells gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Evans) to table documents relating to meetings of the Border Protection Committee of Cabinet by 2.00 pm on 25 November 2009.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report—Tonga and Vanuatu—22 July to 1 August 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2008-09 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Development](#) of an effective national threat abatement plan for *Phytophthora cinnamomi*—moved by Senators Siewert and Macdonald
- [Foreign aid support](#) for maternal health services—moved by Senator Moore

Motion negated

- [National disaster response plan](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Immigration policy](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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