



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 25 June 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.09pm

The Senate has now completed the winter sittings and will commence the Spring sittings on [Tuesday, 11 August 2009](#)

Legislation

[Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <\[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm\]\(http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm\)>](#)

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Xenophon to vary the hours of meeting for 13 August 2009 to enable the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills to be considered was agreed to.

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [new Senate bill – consideration of this bill will be adjourned to the next day of sitting after the presentation of documents relating to the National Broadband Network tender process – see the order agreed to by the Senate on [13 May 2009](#)]

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

- ❑ Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services Bill 2009
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009
- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2009-2010
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2009-2010
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2009-2010
[These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008–1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Protection of Identifying Information) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was discharged from the Notice Paper

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [Senate bill]

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—[Lost innocents](#) and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—[DEEWR tender process](#) to award employment services contracts [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved]

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Sealing a just outcome: [Report](#) from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 deseal/reseal workers and their families [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of the re-listing of Hizballah’s External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Publications Committee—[11th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Matters](#) relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[102nd Report](#)—Treaties tabled on 12 and 16 March 2009 [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information
- ❑ President of the Senate—Report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009
Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
—Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information

Government response tabled

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—412th report—Audit reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 10](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 17 September 2009
- ❑ Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 28 October 2009
- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 September 2009
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 17 September 2009
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009

- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 26 November 2009
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009
- ❑ National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and 3 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009
- ❑ National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 7 September 2009
- ❑ Personal Property Securities Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 17 August 2009
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 August 2009
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 7 September 2009

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to possible false or misleading evidence given to a committee to the Privileges Committee.

Notice of motion given

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) relating to a final reporting date for the Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee.

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries nos [49](#) and [65](#)].

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]

Regulations disallowed

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow the Directions in Relation to Coercive Powers, made on 17 June 2009 under section 11 of the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005* [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the [Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment Regulations 2009](#) (No. 1).

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Documents](#) held by the Productivity Commission relating to the design and economic impacts of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—to be tabled by 6 August 2009
- [Documents](#) relating to illegal timber imports—to be tabled by 4.00pm on 11 August 2009

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 46 and 47 of 2008-09
- Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2009
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—Former parliamentarians' travel—1 January to 30 June 2009
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—Parliamentarians' travel—1 January to 30 June 2009
- Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—1 January to 30 June 2009

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

- [40th anniversary](#) of the first successful moon walk—moved by Senator Ryan
- [Request for an audit](#) of the management of the Building the Education Revolution program—moved by Senators Mason and Williams
- [Montreal Protocol](#) on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer—moved by Senator Milne
- [Commencement of certain provisions](#) in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*—moved by Senators Macdonald, Boswell and the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- [Refusals to comply](#) with orders of the Senate to provide information to the Fuel and Energy Select Committee—moved by Senator Cormann
- [Safety and welfare](#) of Indian students in Australia—moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Xenophon
- [Slaughter of Namibian cape fur seals](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Motions negatived

- [Insertion of a greenhouse trigger](#) into the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—moved by Senator Milne
- [Snowy River water management](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

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.

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