



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 29 October 2009

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 6.39 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

Exemption of a bill from an order of the Senate

The Senate further debated and agreed to a motion to exempt the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 from the order of the Senate agreed to on [13 May 2009](#) to enable consideration of the bill on a future sitting day [[first speaker](#)].

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2009]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Tax Agent Services (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009

[The bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009–9 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Long Service Leave Legislation Amendment (Telstra) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Statute Stocktake (Regulatory and Other Laws) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

## Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009—disagreeing to the [amendment](#) made by the Senate [The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

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

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—[Forestry and mining](#) operations on the Tiwi Islands [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Review](#) of the Defence annual report 2007-08 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Privileges Committee—[140th report](#)—Persons referred to in the Senate—Mr Richard Stanton [a [motion](#) to adopt the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Publications Committee—[14th Report](#) [report adopted]

### [Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Compliance audits on Medicare benefits
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—95th report—Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008

### New inquiries

#### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 16](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 2 February 2010
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 16 November 2009
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 2 February 2010
- ❑ Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 November 2009
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2009  
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 16 November 2009

### Other references

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee
  - [Australia Post's](#) treatment of injured or ill workers—to report by 2 February 2010
  - [Energy Efficient Homes Package](#)—to report by 30 March 2010

### Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to Australia's mandatory last resort home warranty schemes to the Economics References Committee [[first speaker](#)].

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—
  - Oversight of the child care industry—to report by 23 November 2009
  - Welfare of international students—to report by 25 November 2009
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—to report by 19 November 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009—to report by 17 November 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Access to justice—to report by 19 November 2009

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer [matters](#) relating to public interest immunity claims to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for report by the first sitting day in 2010.

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

## 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

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the Montara oil spill, no later than 16 November 2009.

## Orders with continuing effect

### *Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

A letter of advice for the Climate Change and Water portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

### *Departmental and agency grants*

A letter of advice for the Climate Change and Water portfolio was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

## Document tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 8](#) of 2009-10

## Documents discussed

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

## Other business

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

## Motion agreed to

- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal for the installation of additional CCTV cameras in the parliamentary precinct—moved by the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)

## Motion negatived

- [Criminalisation of homosexuality in Uganda](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

## Motion debated

- [Border protection](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

## Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the appointment of Dr Rosemary Laing as Clerk of the Senate from 5 December 2009 [statements were made in relation to the matter – [first speaker](#)].

## Hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to vary the hours of meeting on 16 November 2009 [statements were made in relation to the motion – [first speaker](#)].

## Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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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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