



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 15 June 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.31 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Airports (On-Airport Activities Administration) Validation Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 June 2010]
- ❑ Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2010]
- ❑ Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Child Support and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 June 2010]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 May 2010]
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 June 2010]
- ❑ Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010
ComSuper Bill 2010
Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 June 2010]
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Australian Community Pharmacy Authority and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2010]
- ❑ International Arbitration Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 May 2010]
- ❑ Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 May 2010]

- ❑ National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 26 May 2010]
- ❑ Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2010]
- ❑ Personal Property Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2010]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Flexible Participation Requirements for Principal Carers) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Social Security and Indigenous Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 2) Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Transfer of Provisions) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 3 June 2010]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition [second reading amendment](#) to be determined

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2010
Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2010
[These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 17 June 2010 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2010—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill was assented to on 3 June 2010]

Bills assented to

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

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on [consideration of time critical bills](#)

- ❑ Child Support and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010–[Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Corporate Reporting Reform) Bill 2010
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Prudential Refinements and Other Measures) Bill 2010
Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2010
Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 3) Bill 2010
Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 3) Bill 2010
–[Economics Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010
Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010
Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010
–[Economics Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Bill 2010–[Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2010
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Pre-poll Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2010
–[Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2010
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010
–[Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010
–[Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee](#)
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010–[Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee](#)

[Motions to adopt the reports were agreed to]

Reports on legislation

- ❑ [Competition and Consumer](#) Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Family Assistance](#) Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

- ❑ [Food Standards](#) Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010](#)—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 and related bills—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—[Interim report](#) and [final report](#)
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009—[144th report](#)—Statutory secrecy provisions and parliamentary privilege—Privileges Committee
- ❑ [Tax Laws Amendment](#) (Research and Development) Bill 2010 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Trade Practices Amendment](#) (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010—Economics Legislation Committee

Other reports

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—[Examination](#) of the annual report for 2008-09 of the Integrity Commissioner
- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of administration and expenditure: No. 7—Australian intelligence agencies
- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee—[Fourth interim report](#) and correction [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[1st report of 2010](#)—Proposed fit-out of new premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 735 Collins St, Melbourne, Victoria

Documents tabled

- ❑ National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009—Privileges Committee—Hansard record of proceedings and documents presented to the committee
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information [a [motion](#) to take note of the documents was agreed to]

Government response

- ❑ [Finance and Public Administration Committee](#)—Examination of annual reports no. 2 of 2007

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—15 June 2010 from 3.15 pm to 5.00 pm—Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—16 June 2010—In camera hearing
- ❑ Fuel and Energy Select Committee—15 June 2010—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) from 3.00 pm

- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee–15 June 2010 from 4.45 pm–Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–16 June 2010 from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm–Biannual review of the National Capital Authority
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–16 June 2010 from 11.15 am to 1.30 pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 26 August 2010
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (How-to-Vote Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2010–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2010
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2010–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2010
- ❑ Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 and a related bill–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 17 August 2010
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 11 August 2010
- ❑ National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010
–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 17 June 2010

Notices of motion given

To determine or extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia–to report by 2 September 2010
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources–to report by 30 July 2010
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–COAG reforms relating to health and hospitals–to report by 21 June 2010
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Import restrictions on beef–to report by 22 June 2010

To change a reporting deadline

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No. 2]–to report by 17 June 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–17 June 2010 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm–Reconvene to resume consideration of the 2010-11 Budget estimates–[notice](#) given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–17 June 2010 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm–Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the ‘Guidelines on Campaign Advertising’

To refer matters to committees

- Funding arrangements for tax reform advertisements–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 30 June 2010–[notice](#) given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- Past and present practices of donor conception in Australia–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 November 2010–[notice](#) given by the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Barnett)
- Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 21 June 2010–[notice](#) given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Membership

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

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Keenan would replace Mr Johnson on the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee.

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, including Governor-General’s Proclamations]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Xenophon gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow regulations 4.67C and 4.67E in item [2] of Schedule 1 to the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1). [homepage](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

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

- Correspondence relating to the Home Insulation Program [orders agreed to [12 May 2010](#)]
- Government’s response to the *Australia’s Future Tax System* report [order agreed to [13 May 2010](#)]

Notice of motion given

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to require documents provided by the Government to the meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at Busan, Korea relating to the phasing out of fossil fuel subsidies to be tabled by 10.00 am on 17 June 2010.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for various portfolios [see Journals entries [47](#) and [60](#)] were 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

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit reports nos 34 to 42 of 2009-10 [see Journals entries nos [43](#) and [53](#)]
- ❑ Government documents [see Journals entries nos [2](#) and [42](#)]
- ❑ National Schools Constitutional Convention 2010, Old Parliament House, 23 to 25 March 2010–Communiqué
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - Australian Taxation Office change program—from the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) [resolution agreed to [13 May 2010](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
 - Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program—from the Auditor-General (Mr McPhee) [resolution agreed to [13 May 2010](#)]
 - Water management—from the Chair of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (Mr Taylor) [resolution agreed to [18 March 2010](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ A stronger and fairer superannuation system
- ❑ A stronger economy and a fairer share for all Australians
- ❑ Australia as a financial services centre

A statement and related correspondence about the exemption from guidelines on information and campaign advertising by Australian Government departments and agencies were tabled [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#)].

