



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 24 June 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.40 pm

The Senate has now completed the winter sittings and will commence the spring sittings on [24 August 2010](#)

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

A [motion exempting 14 bills](#) from the cut-off order to enable them to be considered during this period of sittings was agreed to.

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Choice of Repairer Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Financial Management and Accountability Amendment (Value for Money in Government Spending) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2010]
- ❑ Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Bill 2010
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Indexation) Bill 2010
- ❑ Immigration (Education) Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 3) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Foreign Source Income Deferral) Bill (No. 1) 2010

- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010–32 Government amendments agreed to and 1 section negated [a message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the [amendments](#)]

[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2010-2011
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2010-2011
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2010-2011
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Corporate Reporting Reform) Bill 2010
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Prudential Refinements and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Continence Aids Payment Scheme) Bill 2010
- ❑ Social Security and Indigenous Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 3) Bill 2010
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Income Support Measures) Bill 2010

[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed with amendments

- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009–6 Government amendments agreed to and 1 item negated [a message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the [amendments](#) – the bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010–71 Government amendments agreed to and 8 items negated [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (How-to-Vote Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2010–1 Government and 4 Opposition amendments agreed to [a message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the [amendments](#) – the bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2010–1 Part and 2 items negated [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010–1 Australian Greens amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010–26 Government amendments agreed to and 1 clause negated [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Healthcare Identifiers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010–2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009–15 Government amendments agreed to and 4 items negatived [a message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the [amendments](#) – the bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives [see also above at “Bills passed”]

- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on 22 and 23 June 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

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

Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–[The hidden toll](#): Suicide in Australia [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–Primary schools for the 21st Century–[Interim report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–[Australia Post’s](#) treatment of injured and ill workers [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–[417th report](#)–Review of Auditor-General’s reports tabled between February and September 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Publications Committee–[19th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Publications Joint Committee–[Inquiry](#) into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

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 (Family Court Restructure and Other Measures) Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2010
- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2010–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2010

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Military Court of Australia Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2010
- ❑ National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 24 August 2010
- ❑ Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 25 August 2010
- ❑ Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 21 September 2010

Other references

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–Interactive and online gambling–to report by 2 September 2010
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Matters relating to online privacy protection–to report by 20 October 2010
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation–to report by 1 July 2011
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Reform of Australian Government administration–to report by 26 August 2010
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Importation of Chinese apples into Australia and the Australia/United States cherry trade–to report by 31 July 2010

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–Food production in Australia–to report by 23 August 2010
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Energy Efficient Homes Package–to report by 2 July 2010
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of aircraft noise by Airservices Australia–to report by 2 July 2010

Membership

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

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 moved by Senator Xenophon to disallow the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1). [\[homepage\]](#) [\[first speaker\]](#)

Notices of motion to disallow given

Senator Colbeck gave notices of motion to disallow:

- Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010, made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* [\[homepage\]](#)
- Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport Amendment 2010 (No. 1), made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* [\[homepage\]](#)

Orders for the production of documents–Document tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled a statement about an order concerning packaging and beverage container waste management [order agreed to on [22 June 2010](#)]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) nos 49 and 50 of 2009-10
- Department of Defence–Special purpose flights–Schedule for the period 1 June to 31 December 2009
- Department of Finance and Deregulation–
 - Former parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements–1 July to 31 December
 - Parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements–1 July to 31 December
- Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports–1 July to 31 December
- President of the Senate–Report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 24 June 2010
- [2 petitions](#) and 2 petitioning documents [see Journals entries nos [42](#) and [43](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement about the future of financial advice.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Administration of the Green Loans Program](#)–moved by Senator Birmingham

