



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 15 November 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.59 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2010]
- ❑ Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010]
- ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2010]
- ❑ Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2010]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Connecting People with Jobs) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2010]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition [second reading amendment](#) agreed to [referring the bill and a similar bill to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee]

The following bill was introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010

[These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010—notice given by Senators Xenophon and Siewert
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Bills assented to

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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New inquiries

- ❑ Commonwealth contribution to former [forced adoption policies](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 April 2011
- ❑ [Evidence Amendment](#) (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 and Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 (No. 2)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 23 November 2010

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting on 15 November 2010:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—from 4.00 pm—Schedules 2 and 3 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—from 3.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm—private briefing

[Notices of motion](#) given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Adequacy of protections for the privacy of Australians online—to report by the second sitting day of the second sitting week in March 2011
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by the last day of the second sitting week in February 2011—
 - Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010
 - Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—18 November 2010 from 11.30 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–25 November 2010 from 5.00 pm–Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–17 November 2010 from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm–public meeting

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Australian film and literature classification scheme–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 June 2011–notice given by Senator Barnett
- ❑ Australia’s koala population–Environment and Communications References Committee–with effect from the first sitting day of 2011, to report by 1 June 2011–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

Correspondence was tabled from the Australian Information Commissioner (Professor McMillan) to the Clerk of the Senate relating to the examination of orders for the production of documents concerning the proposed mining tax [See Journals of the Senate, 26 October 2010, entries nos [11](#), [12](#) and [13](#)] [A motion to take note of the correspondence was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require a report by the Productivity Commission relating to superannuation funds to be tabled by no later than 30 April 2011.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities 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 Attorney-General’s 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]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)
- Petition to the Court of Disputed Return–Matter of Peebles v Rhiannon & Ors
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - Asylum claims from Afghan nationals–from the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Mr Bowen) [resolutions agreed to [29](#) and [30 September](#) 2010]
 - Koala population–from the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Mr Burke) [resolution agreed to [23 June 2010](#)]
 - Minimum price for alcohol–from the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) [resolution agreed to [24 June 2010](#)]
 - Motor Neurone Disease Global Day–from the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) [resolution agreed to [22 June 2010](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response 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

- [Aged care services](#)–moved by Senator Siewert
- [World Volunteer Managers Day](#)–moved by Senator Stephens

Motion negatived

- [Campaign](#) for the Establishment of a UN Parliamentary Assembly–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border security](#)–proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Address-in-reply

Debate continued on the [Address-in-reply](#) to the Governor-General’s speech and will resume on a later sitting day [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

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

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