



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 15 March 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.28 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 March 2010]
- ❑ Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 March 2010]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 March 2010]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 March 2010]
- ❑ Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 March 2010]

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

- ❑ Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2010
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2010
- ❑ Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
– 1 Australian Greens [second reading amendment](#) to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2009 Measures) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Food Importation (Bovine Meat Standards) Bill 2010 [private senators' bill] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

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](#)

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Reports tabled

- ❑ [Governance](#) of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010; ComSuper Bill 2010 and Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010](#) and a related bill—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Tax Laws Amendment](#) (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010—Economics Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- ❑ Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 to 18 March 2010.

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—
 - Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010—to report by 11 May 2010
 - Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and a related bill—to report by 30 June 2010
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—
 - Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers—to report by 12 May 2010
 - Energy Efficient Homes Package—to report by 6 May 2010
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Anti-People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2010—to report by 15 June 2010

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—17 March 2010—in camera hearing

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Milne requiring the documents referred to in resolutions of the Senate agreed to on [16 September 2009](#) and [18 November 2009](#) to be tabled by 10.00 am on 18 March 2010.

Documents tabled

A statement and documents were tabled in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [25 February 2010](#) relating to proposed sites for a Commonwealth radioactive waste dump.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Foreign Affairs and Trade 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 contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Health and Ageing portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Defence portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the installation of improved pedestrian lighting within the Parliament House precinct. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

The Senate discussed issues relating to border protection, raised by Senator Parry as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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