



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 23 November 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.54 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010 (No. 2) [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 November 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 November 2010]

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

- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Parenting Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2010
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010 and a related bill

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2010—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion given

To introduce private senators' bills

- Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010—notice given by Senators Heffernan, Coonan, Xenophon and Siewert

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010
- Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010
—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

Relating to the consideration of a bill

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2010—to be an order of the day for the first day of sitting after the Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee reports on the student services and amenities fee proposed by the bill—notice given by Senator Mason

Message from the House of Representatives

- Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2010—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to schedule estimates hearings for 2011.

Report tabled

- Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 and a similar bill—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

Documents tabled

- Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information

New inquiries

- [Australian Competition and Consumer Commission](#) decision to oppose the proposed acquisition of the Franklins Supermarket business—Economics References Committee—to report by 17 December 2010

- [Environment Protection](#) and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—to report by the end of the Autumn sittings, 2011
- [The Australian Law Reform Commission](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 31 March 2011

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to the Reserve Bank of Australia's subsidiaries to the Economics References Committee.

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 25 November 2010 from 4.00 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 and a related bill.

[Notices of motion](#) given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—25 November 2010 from 11.30 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to committees

- Matters relating to the Department of Defence Request for Tender for the provision of air support to the Middle East Area of Operations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 1 May 2011—notice given by Senator Johnston
- Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 23 March 2011—notice given by Senators Heffernan, Coonan, Xenophon and Siewert

Membership

The Senate appointed Senators Joyce and Milne as members of the Parliamentary Budget Office Joint Select Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

[Notice of motion](#) to disallow given

Senator Fierravanti-Wells gave a notice of motion to disallow the Health Insurance (Eligible Collection Centres) Approval Principles 2010 [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered that [documents](#) relating to a proposed variation to the GST Agreement be tabled by 5.00 pm on 25 November 2010.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Letter from the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans) relating to order for the production of documents concerning the Building the Education Revolution—tabled by the Acting Deputy President (Senator Pratt) [order of the Senate agreed to on [18 November 2010](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the letter was agreed to]
- ❑ Statement relating to the order for the production of documents concerning the National Broadband Network—tabled by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy) [order of the Senate agreed to on [18 November 2010](#)]

[Notices of motion](#) given

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- ❑ Copy of the post-election brief for a returned Labor Government for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—no later than 10 December 2010—notice given by Senator Mason
- ❑ Documents relating to the Home Insulation Safety Program—no later than noon on 25 November 2010—notice given by Senator Birmingham

A notice of motion was given by Senators Birmingham and Cormann requiring documents relating to the National Broadband Network to be presented to the President under [standing order 166](#), by no later than noon on 25 November 2010 [the notice was subsequently altered to require the documents by Monday, 29 November 2010].

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy) tabled a ministerial statement and a report about the Government's response to people trafficking.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Exercise Hamel](#)—moved by Senator Macdonald
- ❑ [Go Home on Time Day](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [National Broadband Network](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

