



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 May 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.34 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- Anti-People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010—16 Government [amendments agreed to](#) and 3 sections negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

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 legislation

- ❑ [Broadcasting](#) Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010–Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Building Energy](#) Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010–Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Health Insurance](#) Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Health Practitioner](#) Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Personal Property](#) Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Tax Laws Amendment](#) (2010 Measures No. 2) Bill 2010–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Telecommunications](#) Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2010–Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

Other reports

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–
 - [Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2010 and [5th report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
 - Future Direction and Role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Interim report](#) [a recommendation to extend the reporting date of the inquiry was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2010-11–[Statement](#)
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government’s decision to relax import restriction on beef–First report–Correction

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Fuel and Energy Select Committee–12 May 2010 from 3.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Privileges Committee–13 May 2010 from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm–Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009

Amendment to an order of the Senate

The Senate [amended](#) an order relating to the allocation of departments and agencies to legislative and general purpose standing committees.

Variation to the appointment of a committee

The Senate [varied](#) the resolution appointing the National Broadband Network Select Committee.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Australia Post’s treatment of injured and ill workers—to report by 24 June 2010
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia’s administration and management of the Torres Strait—to report by 2 September 2010
- ❑ Privileges Committee—Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009—to report by 4 June 2010

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 31 August 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—15 June 2010 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm—Budget estimates for Australia Post

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Any bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 13 May 2010 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2010—Committees—to report by 15 June 2010—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)
- ❑ Key outcomes agreed at the Council of Australian Governments meeting on 19 and 20 April 2010—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 25 June 2010—notice given by Senator Fierravanti-Wells
- ❑ Matters relating to the publication of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy testing—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 31 July 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To amend terms of reference

- ❑ Cyber-Safety Joint Select Committee—notice given by Senator Xenophon

To direct a witness to appear

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Budget estimates—notice given by Senator Bushby

Membership

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

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Danby, Mr Fletcher, Mr Hawke, Mr Perrett, Mr Oakeshott, Mr Ripoll and Ms Vamvakinou have been appointed members of the Cyber-Safety Joint Select 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) [to table](#) copies of certain correspondence relating to the Home Insulation Program—no later than noon on 13 May 2010
- Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong) [to table](#) reports relating to the Green Loans program—no later than noon on 13 May 2010
- Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) [to table](#) documents relating to the short and long fin mako shark and the porbeagle shark—no later than 13 May 2010
- Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Carr) [to table](#) documents relating to certain assessments on the Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project—no later than 4.00 pm on 15 June 2010
- Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Evans) [to table](#) certain correspondence relating to the Home Insulation Program—no later than noon on 13 May 2010
- Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) [to table](#) quarterly reports by states and territories relating to planned spending on primary schools—no later than 4.00 pm on 13 May 2010

Document tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) tabled a statement relating to an order concerning therapeutic groups [order of the Senate agreed to on [11 May 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy 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 Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy 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]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [and considered]

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Make Poverty History campaign](#) and the Millennium Development Goals—moved by Senator Pratt
- [National Volunteer Week](#)—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens)
- [Use of Bisphenol-A in plastics](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Windsor Hotel, Victoria](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motions negated

- [Decision](#) to suspend processing of asylum claims for Sri Lankans and Afghans—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Feasibility](#) of a high speed rail network on the east coast of Australia—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Review of protocols](#) for monitoring and intercepting boat arrivals—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Matter of public importance discussed

- [The Rudd Government](#) taxation and expenditure—proposed by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Trood was elected as a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia from 13 June 2010 for a period of 3 years.

Notices of motion

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

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