



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 8 September 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.32pm

## Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)>

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 September 2009]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 4) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 September 2009]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-1 AG second reading [amendment](#) to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [No. 2]  
[The bill will now be assented to]

### Document tabled

- ❑ Correction to the explanatory memorandum relating to the Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform) Bill 2009

### Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009
  - ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2009
- notices given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)

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

- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) and a related bill—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

## Bills assented to

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

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

## Reports tabled

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—[Effects of climate change](#) on training and employment needs [a [motion](#) to adopt the recommendation of the committee that the reference into Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change not proceed further was agreed to]
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of administration and expenditure: No. 6 – Australian intelligence agencies
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—A possible contempt in relation to a witness to the committee's inquiry into access to justice

## New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer matters relating to the [economic stimulus initiatives](#) to the Economics References Committee to report by 2 October 2009.

## Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Economics References Committee—9 September 2009 from 3.00pm—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—
  - 9 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the 'Guidelines on Campaign Advertising'
  - 16 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Review of the *Auditor-General Act 1997*

## Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009—to report by 17 September 2009
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—to report by 26 November 2009

### Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009—to report by 15 September 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Fuel and Energy Select Committee—10 September 2009—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to committees

- [Dairy industry in Tasmania](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by 25 November 2009—notice given by Senator O'Brien
- [Implementation](#) of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century program—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—notice given by Senator Marshall
- [Waste and mismanagement](#) within the Government's Primary Schools for the 21st Century program—notice given by Senator Barnett

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

- [A Clerk's document](#) was tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion by Senator Fierravanti-Wells to disallow the [Migration Amendment Regulations](#) 2009 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 143 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [[first speaker](#)].

Transfer of notice of motion

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice of motion to disallow the [Aviation Transport Security](#) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1). Senator Xenophon indicated his objection to the withdrawal and his name was put on the notice of motion.

### Orders for the production of documents—Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

