



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>

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

[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

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]

