



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 10 September 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.36pm

## 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

- ❑ Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009
- ❑ National Health Security Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2009

[passed by the House of Representatives on 9 September 2009]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009 and a related bill [The House of Representatives will now consider these bills]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 4) Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

### Notice of motion to enable bills to be considered together

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2009 and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment Bill 2009—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

### Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009—agreeing to the amendment 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 questions on notice—Failure to provide answers

[Senator Barnett](#) asked the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans) why answers had not been provided to questions placed on notice during the consideration of the 2009-10 Budget estimates by the Economics Legislation Committee. [Senator Evans](#) provided an explanation [a [motion](#) to take note of the explanation was agreed to].

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ [Building and Construction Industry](#) Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Other report

- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[104th report](#)—Treaties tabled on 20 August 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]

### [Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—Temporary visas... permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness, fairness and integrity of the temporary business visa program
- ❑ Publications Joint Committee—Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters

### New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 13](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 29 October 2009
- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 26 November 2009
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 October 2009

Other references

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—[Hearing health in Australia](#)—to report by the last sitting day in February 2010
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—[Suicide in Australia](#)—to report by the last sitting day in April 2010

- Economics References Committee–[Australian dairy industry](#)–to report by 28 February 2010
- Privileges Committee–[Possible contempt](#) in relation to a witness to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee’s inquiry into access to justice

### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate was sitting on 10 September 2009 from 5.00pm to 7.30pm for the committee’s inquiry into the fee rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions.

### Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Economics References Committee–Unlimited deposit and wholesale funding guarantees–to report by 17 September 2009

To refer matters to a committee

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–[Matters](#) relating to the Torres Strait region–to report by 26 February 2010

## Documents

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### 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]

### Regulations disallowed

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow the [Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2009 \(No. 1\)](#), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 24 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* [[first speaker](#)].

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Notice of motion given

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to require maps of Australian forest cover since 1990 to be tabled by 4.00pm on 16 September 2009.

#### Orders with continuing effect

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

Letters of advice for the Immigration and Citizenship and Treasury portfolios were 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*

Statements of compliance for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

**Documents tabled**

- Australian Parliamentary Delegation–Report–Canada and Mexico–18 April to 1 May 2009
- President of the Senate–Report–Official visit to Chile–14 to 17 April 2009

**Documents discussed**

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

**Ministerial statement tabled**

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) tabled a ministerial statement on an inquiry into a framework for referenda in Australia [a [statement](#) was made in relation to the document].

**Other business**

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

**Motions negated**

- [Coal exports](#) in the Galilee Basin, Queensland–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Presence of Mr Guy Campos](#) in Australia–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Success of the Solar Flagship Program](#)–moved by Senator Milne

**Motion debated**

- [Aged care challenges](#)–moved by Senator Cormann [[first speaker](#)]

**Notices of motion**

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

**Statistics**

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)–the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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