



# Senate Daily Summary

## Tuesday, 11 August 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.38pm

### 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 bill was introduced

- Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [No. 2]  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 25 June 2009]

The following bills were debated

- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills—  
second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

#### Message from the House of Representatives

- Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2008—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate  
[The bill will now be assented to]

#### 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

- Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—[Interim report](#)  
[reporting date for the final report extended to 7 September 2009]
- [Fairer Private Health](#) Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—  
Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- ❑ [Health Insurance](#) Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 17 August 2009]
- ❑ [Higher Education](#) Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Interim report [reporting date for the final report extended to 17 August 2009]
- ❑ National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and 3 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 7 September 2009]
- ❑ Personal Property Securities Bill 2009–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 17 August 2009]
- ❑ [Therapeutic Goods](#) Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

#### Other reports

- ❑ Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertilizer market–[Second interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 20 August 2009]
- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–[National registration](#) and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–[Budget estimates 2009-10](#)
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–[Australia’s relationship with India](#) as an emerging world power
- ❑ Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee–[Second report](#)
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–[Import risk analysis](#) (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–[Implications](#) for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–[Meat marketing](#)

#### **[Government responses](#) tabled**

- ❑ Corporations and Securities Joint Committee–Aspects of the regulation of proprietary companies
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Committee–Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure–Final response

#### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–Additional information

### **Proposed variation to order establishing a committee**

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) proposing a variation to the order establishing the Privileges Committee.

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into natural resource management and conservation challenges to 18 August 2009.

### **Notices of motion given**

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–13 August 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am–Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–19 August, 9 September and 16 September 2009 from 12.30pm to 2.00pm–Changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories

To refer matters to committees

- Economics References Committee–[Matters](#) relating to the GROCERYchoice website–to report by 26 October 2009–notice given by Senator Barnett
- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–[Potential impacts](#) of mining operations in the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 26 October 2009–notice given by Senator Williams
- Privileges Committee–[Matters](#) relating to the hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009 on the OzCar program–notice given by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans)  
Privileges Committee–[Matters](#) relating to evidence given before the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009 and before the Economics Committee on 22 October 2008–notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)  
[The President made a [statement](#)]
- Senators' Interests Committee–[Accountability regime](#) for the declaration of gifts and interests–notice given by Senator Xenophon

## **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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

## Orders for the production of documents

### Documents tabled

The following documents were tabled in response to orders of the Senate:

- ❑ Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr)—documents relating to illegal timber imports [tabled in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [25 June 2009](#) on the motion of Senator Milne]
- ❑ Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr)—documents relating to the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 [in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [18 June 2009](#) on the motion of Senator Fifield]

Documents and additional information relating to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme which were presented out of sitting were also tabled [in response to orders of the Senate agreed to on [4 February](#) and [11 March 2009](#) on the motion of Senator Cormann, and [25 June 2009](#) on the motion of Senator Xenophon]

### Orders with continuing effect

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

A letter of advice for the Environment, Heritage, Water and the Arts portfolio was 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*

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

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 48 of 2008-09 and no.1 of 2009-10
- ❑ [Business of the Senate](#)—1 January to 30 June 2009 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the first half of 2009]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Meeting of OECD parliamentary budget officials in Rome, 26 and 27 February 2009
- ❑ Government documents [see Journals entries nos [2](#) and [43](#)]
- ❑ Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—Supplement to the 12th edition—[Updates to 30 June 2009](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the Parliament Drive one-way road project. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- ❑ [Questions on notice summary](#)—12 February 2008 to 30 June 2009
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
  - ❑ Mountain ash forests—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Burke) [resolution agreed to [17 June 2009](#)] [a motion to take note of the response was [debated](#) and agreed to]
  - ❑ Oil spill in Queensland—from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Mr Albanese) [resolution agreed to [18 March 2009](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]

- ❑ Terrorism laws—from the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) [resolution agreed to [19 March 2009](#)]
- ❑ The Peruvian Amazon region—from the Ambassador of Peru (Mr Claudio de la Puente) [resolution agreed to [16 June 2009](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

### **Ministerial statements tabled**

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ The Australian economy
- ❑ The operation of the guarantee scheme for large deposits and wholesale funding

A ministerial statement about the approval of exemption to guidelines on campaign advertising by Australian Government departments and agencies which was presented out of sitting was also tabled.

### **Other business**

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

#### **Question on notice—Failure to provide answer**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Sherry) why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 1833 asked on 1 July 2009 relating to the Forest Industries Development Fund. Senator Sherry was not present in the chamber, so an explanation was not provided.

#### **Statement by President**

The President made a [statement](#) relating to three questions of order raised in the Senate on 25 June 2009.

#### **Statements by leave**

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) made a [statement](#) relating to a missing Airlines PNG aircraft in Papua New Guinea.

Senator Abetz made a [statement](#) relating to evidence given at a public hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee and to the OzCar program. [The Leader of the Australian Greens ([Senator Bob Brown](#)), the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship ([Senator Evans](#)) and the Leader of the Family First Party ([Senator Fielding](#)) made statements relating to the matter.]

#### **Death of Private Benjamin Ranaudo**

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep regret at the death, on 18 July 2009, of Private Benjamin Ranaudo, while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

### **Death of Private Edward Kenna, VC**

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep regret at the death, on 8 July 2009, of Mr Edward 'Ted' Kenna, Australia's last VC winner of World War II. The motion was supported.

### **Jakarta terrorist attack**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep regret at the deaths in Jakarta on 17 July 2009, of Mr Nathan Verity of Western Australia, Mr Garth McEvoy of Victoria and Mr Craig Senger of the Australian Capital Territory. The motion was supported.

### **Notices of motion**

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

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