



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 13 May 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.36pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2009 [private senators' bill]
- ❑ Financial Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2009]
- ❑ Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2009]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009 and a related bill—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [details of the bills will be considered on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Excise Tariff Validation Bill 2009
Customs Tariff Validation Bill 2009 [[first speaker](#)]
[These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- ❑ Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner)

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

- Financial Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009
- Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
- Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business and General Business Tax Break) Bill 2009
–notice given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig)

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Native Title Amendment Bill 2009](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Other reports

- Community Affairs Committee–[Matters](#) not disposed of by the current committee that will continue under the revised committee structure from 14 May 2009 [report adopted]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2009 and [4th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Report considered

- Procedure Committee–[Second report of 2009](#)–The Senate committee system [a [motion](#) to amend standing order 25 was agreed to]

Document tabled

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Draft estimates for the Australian National Audit Office 2009-10–[Statement](#)

New inquiry

- [Tender process](#) for employment services contracts–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee–to report by 25 June 2009

New order of continuing effect

The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Cormann establishing an order of continuing effect about requests for information and claims of public interest immunity [[first speaker](#)]. The motion also requires the Procedure Committee to review the operation of the order and report to the Senate by 20 August 2009.

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Treaties Joint Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 14 May 2009 from 9.30am.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Climate Policy Select Committee—to report by 15 June 2009
- Community Affairs Committee—Compliance audits on Medicare benefits—to report by 10 June 2009
- Economics Committee—Foreign investment in Australia—to report by 17 July 2009

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Economics Committee—2009-10 Budget estimates—to report by 25 June 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—to report by 22 May 2009

To vary the appointment and reporting date of a committee

- [National Broadband Network Select Committee](#)—to report by 26 November 2009

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Economics Committee—22 June 2009 from 12.30pm—Matters arising from consideration of the 2009-10 Budget estimates

To refer matters to committees

- [Accountability regime](#) for the declaration of gifts by senators—Senators' Interests Committee—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- [Any bills](#) introduced into the House of Representatives that form part of the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Economics Committee—to report by 15 June 2009—notice given by the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)
- [Any budget-related bills](#) introduced into the Parliament after 12 May 2009 and before 5 June 2009 that are proposed to commence prior to 11 August 2009—Standing committees—to report by 16 June 2009—notice given by Senator Parry
- [Relationship](#) between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 11 August 2009—notice given by Senator Scullion

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Coonan from the Selection of Bills Committee and appointed Senator Bushby.

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]

Notice of motion to disapprove given

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) gave a [notice of motion](#) to disapprove Part 3 (clauses 3.1 to 3.3) of [Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2009/04](#).

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table documents relating to the National Broadband Network, no later than 6.50pm on 13 May 2009—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin).

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments

A statement of compliance for the Australian Institute of Family Studies 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 statement of compliance for the Australian Institute of Family Studies 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](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#)

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

- ❑ [Death of Miss Anne Lynch](#), former Deputy Clerk of the Senate—moved by the President (Senator Hogg)
- ❑ [Death of Mr Laurie Short](#)—moved by Senator Hutchins
- ❑ [National Volunteer Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Conflict in Sri Lanka](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion negated

- ❑ [Radioactive waste management](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Motion debated

- ❑ [National debt](#)—moved by Senator Fifield [debated as a matter of public importance—[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries nos [9](#) and [35](#)].

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