



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 13 August 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.17pm

## 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

- ❑ Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Passed by the House of Representatives on 12 August 2009]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

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

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2] Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2] [[first speaker](#)] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009] [[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [[first speaker](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]

### Notice of motion to give precedence

- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill—to have precedence over all other government business until determined—notice given by Senator Milne

### **Motion considered**

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to give precedence to a private senator's bill (Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008) on 17 August 2009.

### **Committees**

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### **Documents tabled**

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee
  - Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009–Additional information
  - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009–Additional information
- Community Affairs References Committee–Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australian reports–Additional information

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–
  - Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009–to report by 20 August 2009
  - Personal Property Securities Bill 2009–to report by 20 August 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–
  - Access to justice–to report by 30 October 2009
  - Australia's judicial system and the role of judges–to report by 17 September 2009

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries nos [12](#) and [32](#)].

### **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]

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

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

A letter of advice for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government 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]

### **Documents tabled**

- Global warming petition to the United States Government signed by 31 478 American scientists
- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation to install additional CCTV cameras in the parliamentary precinct. A [notice of motion](#) was given to extend the approval.

### **Documents discussed**

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

## **Other business**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

- [Burma](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Labour camps in North Korea](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal relating to the Parliament Drive one-way road upgrade project

### **Motion negatived**

- [Establishment](#) of a National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commission—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### **Motion debated**

- [Strategic Indigenous Housing](#) and Infrastructure Program—moved by Senator Scullion [[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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