



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 14 September 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.29pm

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

- Foreign States Immunities Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 September 2009]

The following bill was debated

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Automotive Transformation Scheme Bill 2009—1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

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

- Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Bill 2009
- Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2009
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment Bill 2009
—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

To discharge a bill from the *Notice Paper*

- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—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

- Privileges Committee—[138th report](#)—Persons referred to in the Senate—The Medical Council of Tasmania [A [motion](#) to adopt the report was agreed to]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Management](#) of the removal of the rebate for AQIS export certification functions [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to Australia’s administration and management of Torres Strait to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for report by 26 February 2010.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics References Committee into unlimited deposit and wholesale funding guarantees to 17 September 2009.

Notices of motion given—To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—16 September 2009 from 6.30pm
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—16 September 2009 from 1.50pm—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to the membership of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee:

- Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam for the committee’s inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009
- Senator Ludlam appointed as a participating member

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer—from the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) [resolution agreed to [25 June 2009](#)]
 - New Australian Security Intelligence Organisation headquarters building—from the Chair of the Public Works Joint Committee (Senator McLucas) [resolution agreed to [20 August 2009](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]
 - Proclamation of provisions in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* relating to spent convictions of certain offences—from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Mr Garrett) [resolution agreed to [25 June 2009](#)]
- [A petition](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) tabled a ministerial statement on Sri Lanka.

Other business

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

Adjournment debate—[first speaker](#)

Motion negated

- [Allegations](#) relating to contractors used by a certain Reserve Bank subsidiary—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [A national feed-in-tariff](#) for renewable energy—proposed by Senator Siewert [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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