



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 15 June 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.30pm

## 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

- ❑ Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2009]
- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 June 2009]
- ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]
- ❑ Fair Work (State Referral and Consequential and Other Amendments) Bill 2009  
Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 2 June 2009]
- ❑ Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 June 2009]
- ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2009]
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2009]
- ❑ Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]
- ❑ Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2009]
- ❑ Infrastructure Australia Amendment (National Broadband Network and Other Projects) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 May 2009]

- ❑ Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2009]
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 May 2009]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 June 2009]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2009]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 May 2009]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 May 2009]

### The following bills were debated

- ❑ Fair Work (State Referral and Consequential and Other Amendments) Bill 2009  
Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009  
–second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day]

### The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Providers) Bill 2009  
[This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009  
[This bill will now be assented to]

### The following bills were passed

- ❑ Nation-building Funds Amendment Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 [No. 2]–2 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008–20 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

### Messages from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]–returning the bill without amendment  
[These bills 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

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

#### Reports on legislation

- [Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009](#) and related bills—Economics Legislation Committee
- Climate Policy Select Committee—[Report](#)  
[The Senate agreed to a motion to allow the above reports to be debated together—[first speaker](#)]
- [Nation Building Program](#) (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- [Plebiscite for an Australian Republic](#) Bill 2008—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [a motion was moved to take note of the report and a [statement](#) was made by leave]

#### Other reports

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Compliance audits on Medicare benefits—Interim report [reporting date for the final report extended to 17 June 2009]
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 21 August 2009]
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, AAA, IAA, IMU, JeM and LeJ as terrorist organisations [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved and agreed to]
- Men's Health Select Committee—[Report](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Migration Joint Committee—[Immigration detention in Australia](#): Community-based alternatives to detention [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into the Immigration Bridge proposal [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[2nd report of 2009](#)—Referral made February 2009: Redevelopment of RAAF Base Edinburgh, Adelaide, South Australia
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 25 June 2009]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Matters specified in part (2) of the inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 25 June 2009]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2009 and [5th report of 2009](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a motion to take note of the report was moved and agreed to]

### Document tabled

- Native Title Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Corrigendum

### Government responses tabled

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
  - Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)
  - Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb
  - Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group, Jamiat ul-Ansar and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq as terrorist organisations
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—412th report: Audit reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament

### New inquiries

#### Selection of Bills Committee reports

The Senate adopted [reports nos 6 and 7](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee [presented out of sitting], and made the following references [see also the resolution of the Senate of [14 May 2009](#) relating to the reference of budget-related bills to Senate committees]:

- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 5 August 2009
- Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2009
- Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2009
- Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 22 July 2009
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2009
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 June 2009
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 22 June 2009

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009—to report by 16 June 2009
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee—Second report—to report by 25 June 2009

### Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands–to report by 17 September 2009

To vary the appointment of a committee

- [Fuel and Energy Select Committee](#)–notice given by the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann)

To refer matters to committees

- [Access to secondary](#) and post-secondary education opportunities for rural and regional students–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 August 2009–notice given by Senators Nash and Hanson-Young
- Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 23 June 2009–notice given by Senator Abetz

## 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]

### Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1) [\[homepage\]](#).

### Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of her intention to withdraw notices to disallow [5 instruments](#).

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table all documents used in the preparation of the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008–no later than 22 June 2009.

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies*

Statements of compliance for [various portfolios](#) were 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 contracts published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for the Immigration and Citizenship 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]

*Departmental and agency grants*

Statements of compliance for [various portfolios](#) portfolio were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

Statements of compliance for the Department of Climate Change and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

[A motion was moved to take note of the above statements of compliance and letters of advice]

**Documents tabled**

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit reports nos 32 to 40 of 2008-09 [see Journals entries nos [34](#) and [41](#)]
- ❑ Correction to the 2009-10 portfolio budget statements for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about the death penalty in Iran—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Smith) [resolution agreed to [17 March 2009](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#)

**Ministerial statements tabled**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Australia and India [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ Australia's response to combat piracy and armed robbery at sea
- ❑ International education – its contribution to Australia
- ❑ North Korea
- ❑ Promoting Australia as a financial services hub—Progress of the Australian Financial Centre Forum

**Other business**

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

**Ministerial arrangements**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to the [ministry](#) and ministerial arrangements.

### **Temporary chairs of committees**

Warrants were tabled revoking the nomination of Senator Parry as a temporary chair of committees, and nominating Senator Ryan.

### **Notices of motion**

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

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