



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 17 August 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.17pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 August 2009]
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 August 2009]
- Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Repeal Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 August 2009]

The following bill was debated

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—[1 Government amendment](#) agreed to [a further amendment remains to be considered]

Motion considered

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to give precedence to the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill upon receipt from the House of Representatives.

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Health Legislation](#) Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [Telecommunications](#) Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009–Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee–[Inquiry](#) into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Economics References Committee–[Employee share schemes](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for its inquiry into the economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific to 29 October 2009.

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to the membership of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee:

- Senator Macdonald to replace Senator Troeth for the period 6 October to 23 October 2009
- Senator Troeth 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

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table [documents](#) relating to the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008 by no later than 20 August 2009.

Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table documents relating to budget measures concerning chemotherapy treatment–no later than 12.00pm on 19 August 2009

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Veterans' Affairs 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 Australian Trade Commission was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Unproclaimed legislation

A document was tabled showing details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation [[Standing order 139\(2\)](#) requires tabling before 31 August each year]

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- [Self determination for the Uighur people](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Tax cuts](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Notices of motion

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

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