



# Senate Daily Summary

**Thursday, 18 June 2009**

The Senate met from 9.30am until 5.36pm

## **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 debated

- Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009—1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2009
- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009 and a related bill
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2009
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2009
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009  
[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

### **Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill**

- Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

### **Bill assented to**

Assent to a law was reported in the Senate

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

## **Committees**

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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### **Reports tabled**

Report on legislation

- [AusCheck](#) Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other report

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Food production in Australia—[Interim report](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

### **Government responses tabled**

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests [a motion take note of response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

### **New inquiries**

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 10 September 2009
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 12 August 2009

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Economics References Committee—22 and 23 June 2009 from 7.30pm—Foreign investment in Australia

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—18 June 2009 from 3.45pm—Major economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—In camera hearing

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers—to report by 6 August 2009
- Economics References Committee—Foreign investment in Australia—to report by 17 September 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Natural resource management and conservation challenges—to report by 11 August 2009

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

## 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]

### Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Aviation Transport Security](#) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1).

### Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib) to table documents relating to the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 by no later than 5.00pm on 22 June 2009.

### Document tabled

- Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report—Colombia and Argentina—9 to 24 August 2008 [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

### Documents discussed

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

## Other business

**Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question  
Adjournment debate—first speaker**

## **Motions agreed to**

- ❑ [Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [World Refugee Day](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

## Ruling by the President

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) objected to a [ruling](#) by the President that a child of a senator be removed from the chamber [see Journals entry no. 38].

## Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals.

# Statistics

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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