



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 18 August 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.34pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 August 2009]

The following bills were debated

- Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and 2 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009—defeated at third reading [[first speaker](#)]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)
For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Migration Joint Committee—[Immigration detention in Australia](#): Facilities, services and transparency [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[4th report of 2009](#)—Construction of a new Australian embassy complex, Jakarta, Indonesia [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Treaties Joint Committee—[103rd report](#)—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 13 May 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—to report by 29 October 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Natural resource management and conservation challenges—to report by 26 October 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 26 October 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs References Committee—20 August 2009 from 3.30pm—Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—19 August 2009 from 5.30pm—Private briefing

To refer a matter to a committee

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Removal](#) of the 40 per cent rebate for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export certification functions—to report by 14 September 2009—notice given by Senator Colbeck

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table documents relating to budget measures for chemotherapy treatment by no later than 12.00pm on 19 August 2009.

Notices of motion given

[Notices of motion](#) were given requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table the following documents:

- Report of the Government's National Preventative Health Taskforce—no later than 12.00pm on 20 August 2009—notice given by Senators Cormann and Barnett

- Documents relating to the audited general purpose accounts of aged care providers—no later than 12.00pm on 20 August 2009—notice given by Senator Cormann

Documents tabled

- Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure—1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009
- Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments to senators and members—1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009
- Parliamentary advisers to Australia’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations—Report on the 63rd General Assembly of the United Nations—14 September 2008 to 23 December 2008

Ministerial statements tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled ministerial statements on:

- Afghanistan and Pakistan [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- Commencement of Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus negotiations
- Reducing homelessness

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) about the death of [Ms Natalya Estemirova](#).

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to points of order raised during question time on 17 August 2009 [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

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

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