



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday, 20 August 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.20pm

### 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

- ❑ Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009 [private senators' bill]
- ❑ Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 August 2009]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)] –1 [second reading amendment](#) moved by the Opposition, Family First and Senator Xenophon to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009—4 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]

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

- ❑ Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Ludlam

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Migration Amendment](#) (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Personal Property Securities Bill 2009](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—[Final report](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Report for 2008-09
- Procedure Committee—[Third report of 2009](#)—Committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims: order of the Senate of 13 May 2009; Senators caring for an infant: standing order 175 [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee—[12th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[Investment](#) of Commonwealth and State funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

### [Government responses](#) tabled

- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice
- Finance and Public Administration Committee—Additional estimates 2008-09
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—Reforms to Australia's military justice system: Fourth progress report [a motion was moved to take note of the document]

### Documents tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009—Additional information
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—Additional information
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Implications for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Correction

## New inquiries

### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 12](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to report by 19 November 2009
- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee–to report by 16 October 2009

### Other reference

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–[Matters](#) relating to sustainable management of water resources–to report by 29 November 2009

## Private meetings

The Senate authorised the following private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Economics Legislation Committee–20 August 2009 from 5.00pm
- Economics References Committee–20 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]

### Motion to disapprove defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) which would have disapproved [Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2009/11: Members of Parliament – Travelling allowance](#), made under the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* [statements were made in relation to the motion – [first speaker](#)]

### Notice of intention to withdraw a notice

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Documents tabled

The following documents were tabled by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) in response to orders of the Senate:

- Letter from the Minister for Ageing (Ms Elliot) relating to the General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers [tabled as an interim response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [19 August 2009](#)]
- Letter from the Minister for Health and Ageing (Ms Roxon) relating to the National Preventative Health Taskforce [tabled as an interim response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [19 August 2009](#)]
- Statement and documents concerning the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008 [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 August 2009](#)]

### Order with continuing effect

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

A letter of advice for the Human Services 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]

### Document tabled

- [A petition](#)

### Documents discussed

Committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- [Access by International Red Cross](#) into West Papua—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Australian National Flag Day](#)—moved by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)
- [New ASIO headquarters building](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Motions negated

- [Afghanistan elections](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Dalai Lama](#)—moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Xenophon

### Motion debated

- [The economy](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Statistics

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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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