



Senate Daily Summary

**Thursday, 26 November and
Friday, 27 November 2009**

The Senate met from 9.30 am and suspended at 11.00 pm on Thursday, 26 November 2009, and met from 9.30 am until 3.45 pm on Friday, 27 November 2009

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- Australian Centre for Renewable Energy Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2009]
- Aviation Transport Security Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2009]
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 November 2009]
- Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 November 2009]
- Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 November 2009]
- Trade Practices Amendment (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ACIS Administration Amendment (Application) Bill 2009
- Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Amendment Bill 2009
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2009
- Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Bill 2009

The following bills were debated

- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills—committee of the whole continued—[23 Government amendments](#) agreed to and 36 Government amendments are before the committee [further amendments remain to be considered]

[A motion moved by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) was agreed to—standing orders [120\(3\)](#) and [122\(1\)](#) and (2) not apply to the bills]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ACIS Administration Amendment (Application) Bill 2009
- Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Amendment Bill 2009

[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2009
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Participation Requirement) Bill 2009
- Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Tertiary Admission Centres) Bill 2009
- Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 and a related bill
- Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2009 and a related bill
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 5) Bill 2009

[These bills will now be assented to]

Message from the House of Representatives

- Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009—agreeing to 8 amendments made by the Senate and [disagreeing to 2 amendments](#). The Senate insisted on its amendments. [The House of Representatives will now further consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Variation to days and hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to [vary](#) the days and hours of meeting to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

- [Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.
- The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled [particulars of proposed expenditure](#), and the Senate referred the particulars to committees for examination and report

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Food Standards](#) Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee
- [Marriage Equality](#) Amendment Bill 2009–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—[48th Report](#)—Appointment of the Clerk of the Senate
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—[Welfare of international students](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—[The relationship](#) between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
 - Access to justice
 - Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges

—[Interim report](#) [the reporting date for the final reports was extended to 8 December 2009]
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—[Third report](#) [a motion varying the appointment of the committee was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee—[15th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee—[Third report](#)

Documents tabled

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Provision of childcare—Errata

[Government responses tabled](#)

- Community Affairs References Committee—Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports
- Schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports—tabled by the President of the Senate on 25 June 2009

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 18](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 15 June 2010
- Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 17 March 2010

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2009 Measures) Bill 2009
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009
- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 9 March 2010
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 6) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 25 February 2010
- Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 25 February 2010
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Building Innovative Capability) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 25 February 2010

Other reference

- [Equity and diversity](#) health checks in the Royal Australian Navy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report 18 March 2010

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–to report by 30 June 2010
 - Food production in Australia
 - Incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia
- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin–to report by 4 December 2009

Notices of motion given to refer matters to a committee

A [notice of motion](#) was given by Senator Xenophon to refer matters relating to interactive and online gambling to the Community Affairs References Committee to report by 14 May 2010.

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Milne from the Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee and appointed her 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table a copy of the [Government's response](#) to recommendations set out in a report by the National Preventative Health Taskforce by no later than 4 December 2009
- [Research paper](#), *The brave new world of carbon* to be tabled by 1.00 pm on 26 November 2009

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Evans) to table documents relating to meetings held under the Northern Territory Emergency Response Redesign Consultation process was defeated.

Documents tabled

The following documents were tabled in response to orders of the Senate:

- Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—Statements relating to—
 - Carbon dioxide storage sites [in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [25 November 2009](#)]
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and related bills [in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [25 November 2009](#)]
- Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr)—research paper by Dr Clive Spash and an associated letter [tabled in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on [26 November 2009](#)]

Notice of motion given

Senator Fierravanti-Wells gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Evans) to table documents relating to the resettlement of the asylum seekers from the *Oceanic Viking* by no later than 2.00 pm on 3 February 2010.

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 14 and 15 of 2009-10
- Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—
 - Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2009
 - Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008—Errata
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—Former parliamentarians' travel—1 January to 30 June 2009
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—Parliamentarians' travel—1 January to 30 June 2009
- Department of the Senate—Register of Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 23 June and 23 November 2009

- Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—1 January to 30 June 2009
- President of the Senate—Report to the Senate on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 26 November 2009
- [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) tabled a ministerial statement about White Ribbon Day and made statements about the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in [Mumbai, India](#) [statements were made in relation to the matter – [first speaker](#)], and [Afghanistan](#) [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Snowy Water Licence Review](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Volunteers](#)—moved by Senators Barnett and Fifield

Motions negatived

- [Civil partnerships](#) in the Australian Capital Territory—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Legislative power](#) of the territories—moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Humphries
- [National Year of Action on Marriage Equality](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Question on notice—Explanation for failure to provide answer

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) gave an [explanation](#) as to why answers had not been provided to questions on notice nos 2038 and 2039 relating to climate change programs [see Journals [entry no. 8](#), 25 November 2009].

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries nos [3](#), [39](#), and [51](#)].

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Monday, 30 November 2009

The Senate will meet at 10.00 am on Monday, 30 November 2009 to further consider the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and related bills.

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