



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 27 October 2009

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.09 pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 October 2009]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 October 2009]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]¹ Opposition [second reading amendment](#) to be determined [establishing procedures for further consideration of the bill]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009—5 Government and 1 Australian Greens amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notice of motion given relating to the consideration of a bill

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009—[notice](#) given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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Estimates

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for estimates hearings for 2010.

Estimates hearing

The Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee held a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate to further consider 2009-10 supplementary budget estimates. The committee met from 7.31 pm until 10.00 pm, calling the department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, the Bureau of Rural Sciences, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority and the Biosecurity Services Group.

Notice of motion given

Senator Fisher gave a [notice of motion](#) relating to estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee and Fair Work Australia.

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Social Security](#) and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Other reports

- Economics References Committee—Government's economic stimulus initiatives—[Final report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Document tabled

- Standing order 37(3)—Access to committee documents—Social Security Joint Committee (1941–46)—Report to the Senate

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to import restrictions on beef to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to report by 30 November 2009.

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to certain subsidiaries of the Reserve Bank of Australia to the Economics References Committee [[first speaker](#)].

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—28 October 2009 from 5.00 pm—Financial products and services in Australia
- Economics References Committee—28 October 2009 from 5.00 pm—GROCERYchoice website
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—28 October 2009 from 11.00 am—Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—29 October 2009 from 3.30 pm—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—
 - 28 October 2009 from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
 - 29 October 2009 from 10.00 am to noon
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—28 October, 18 November and 25 November 2009 from 11.45 am to 1.30 pm—Review of Auditor-General's reports

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities to 11 December 2009.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given by Senator Milne to refer [matters](#) relating to Australia's Mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme to the Economics References Committee for report by 31 March 2010.

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Scullion from and appointed Senator Humphries to the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee.

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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Cormann gave a notice of motion to disallow items 42698, 42701, 42702 and 42718 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2009, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 272 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- ❑ Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) to [table](#) a copy of a letter relating to funding approval for stage 2 of the Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project—by no later than noon on 29 October 2009

- Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) to [table](#) documents relating to the Frontier Economics report on the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and any proposed modifications to the scheme—by no later than 4 November 2009

Documents tabled

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

- Answers to questions on notice nos 2043 and 2044 relating to macular degeneration [see Notice Paper, [27 October 2009](#), pages 43 and 44] [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [26 October 2009](#)]

Documents tabled

- Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report—ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, Thailand—2 August to 8 August 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Australian Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Annual report 2008-09
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- Response to a Senate resolution about Equal Pay Day—from the Deputy Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) [resolution agreed to [8 September 2009](#)]
- [A petition](#)

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- [Debate](#) on asylum seekers and border protection—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Territorial copyright](#) protection for books—moved by Senators Ludlam and Milne

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Government's climate change policies](#) and targets—moved by Senator Milne [[first speaker](#)]

Days of Meeting

The Senate agreed to a motion establishing the [days of meeting](#) for 2010 [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see entries nos [11](#) and [37](#)].

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