



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 9 March 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.48 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Food Importation (Bovine Meat Standards) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 [No. 2]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)] [This bill meets the requirements for a simultaneous dissolution of both houses under [s.57](#) of the Constitution]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009–1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

For [scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Report tabled

- ❑ [Trade Practices Amendment](#) (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee

Proposed joint select committee

The Senate reported a message from the House of Representatives requesting concurrence with a [resolution](#) appointing the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety. The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–9 and 10 March 2010 from 3.30 pm–Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010 and a related bill
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–9 March 2010 from 4.00 pm–Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 and the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010
- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee–9 March 2010 from 3.30 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee into the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 and other bills to 10 March 2010.

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 17 March 2010

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–11 March 2010 from 3.30 pm–Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010 and related bills

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ [Matters](#) related to the Green Loans Program–Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–to report by 21 June 2010–notice given by Senator Birmingham

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Bushby and appointed Senator Fifield as a member of the Selection of Bills 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]

Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) (Release of Protected Information) (DEEWR) Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under subsection 162(3) of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Administration Act 1999* [[homepage](#)].

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) withdrew a [notice of motion](#) for the Senate to rescind its resolution of 10 September 2009 disallowing the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 24 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) gave a [notice of motion](#) to require certain Ministers to table documents relating to the Australian Federal Police's search of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society Ships *Bob Barker* and *Steve Irwin*—no later than 15 March 2010.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for various portfolios [see Journals entries [22](#) and [25](#)] were 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]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries [21](#) and [24](#)] [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Government documents [see Journals entries nos [3](#) and [20](#)] [[and considered](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled a ministerial statement about proposed amendments to the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [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](#)
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion negatived

- [Home builders warranty insurance](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Importation of beef into Australia](#)—proposed by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to [vary the hours of meeting](#) for 10 March 2010 to enable senators to attend an address to the House of Representatives by His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to [ministerial arrangements](#).

Deputy Manager of Opposition Business

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) informed the Senate of the appointment of Senator Fifield as Deputy Manager of Opposition Business.

Notices of motion

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

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