



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 10 March 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.46 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 March 2010]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 March 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 1) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 March 2010]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)] [The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) to suspend standing orders – [first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Australian Centre for Renewable Energy Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 1) Bill 2010—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- ❑ [Social Security](#) and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 and other bills—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Other report

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 3](#) of 2010 and [3rd report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to the administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program to the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee to report by 21 June 2010.

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 11 March 2010 from 3.30 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010 and related bills.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics Legislation Committee into the Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009 to 17 March 2010.

Notices of motion

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—
 - 11 March 2010 from noon—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
 - 11 March 2010 from 12.15 pm—examination of the annual report 2008-09 of the Integrity Commissioner
- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee—15 March 2010 from 12.30 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ [Matters](#) relating to tax exempt status for charitable and religious organisations—Economics References Committee—to report by 24 June 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Johnson would replace Mr Secker on 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]

Notices of motion to disallow given

Senator Fierravanti-Wells gave a [notice](#) to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Parts 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 1 of the National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits – Therapeutic Groups) Determination 2010 (Instrument Number PB 1 of 2010), made under subsection 84AG(1) of the *National Health Act 1953* [\[homepage\]](#)
- ❑ Amendment determination – Drugs on F1 and drugs in Part A of F2 (Instrument Number PB 2 of 2010), made under subsections 85AB(1) and 85AC(1) of the *National Health Act 1953* [\[homepage\]](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) 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* was defeated.

Notice of motion given

Senator Ludlam gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table the National Broadband Network Implementation Study by no later than 10.00 am on 17 March 2010.

Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

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

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit report](#) no. 24 of 2009-10
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong) made a [statement](#) about the Green Loans Program [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

Other business

[Adjournment debate](#)–[first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Apology](#) by the Government of the United Kingdom to child migrants–moved by Senators Moore, Humphries and Siewert
- ❑ [Dialysis service delivery](#) between the Northern Territory and South Australia–moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [National tour of Victoria Cross medals](#)–moved by Senators Barnett and Williams

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Compliance](#) with certain International Labour Organisation conventions–moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Facilitation](#) of West Papuan self determination–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Human rights abuses in Burma](#)–moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Tibet](#) and the Dalai Lama’s middle way policy–moved by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ [Trial of anti-whaling activists](#) in Japan–moved by Senator Siewert

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the arrangements for the attendance of senators at a meeting of the House of Representatives for an address by His Excellency, Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Notices of motion

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

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