



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 11 May 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.12pm

Budget 2010-11

[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites <www.budget.gov.au>](#)

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled the [Budget statement](#) for the year 2010-11 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements.

Portfolio budget statements for [parliamentary](#) and [executive](#) departments were also tabled.

The Senate [referred](#) budget documents to committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 24 May to 4 June 2010.

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 13 May 2010.

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2010]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2010]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Building Innovative Capability) Bill 2009

[These bills will now be assented to]

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ [Anti-People Smuggling](#) and Other Measures Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–[Interim report](#) and [final report](#) [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ [Offshore Petroleum](#) and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ [Territories Law Reform Bill 2010](#)–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No. 2]–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–[Interim report](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 30 June 2010 was agreed to] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Other reports

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package: Ceiling insulation–[Interim report](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 22 June 2010 was agreed to]
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Inquiry into sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources–[Interim report](#) [a motion to extend the final reporting date to 22 June 2010 was agreed to]
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–[Native vegetation laws](#), greenhouse gas abatement and climate change measures [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–[Human rights in the Asia-Pacific](#): Challenges and opportunities
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–[Inquiry](#) into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

- ❑ Procedure Committee–[First report of 2010](#)–Private senators’ bills – consideration; Bills relying on delegated legislation; Arrangements for the opening of Parliament
- ❑ Senators’ Interests Committee–[Report 1 of 2010](#): Annual report 2009

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Australia’s involvement in peacekeeping operations
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Review of the Defence Annual Report 2006-07: Recommendation 3
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality

Documents tabled

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010– Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Additional information

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation and References Committees–11 May 2010–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) from 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm
- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee–11 May 2010– private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) from 1.45 pm to 2.00 pm
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–12 May 2010 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee into the Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010 to 12 May 2010.

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Australia’s administration and management of the Torres Strait–to report by 2 September 2010
- ❑ Privileges Committee–Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009–to report by 4 June 2010

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Privileges Committee–13 May 2010 from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm–Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009

Varying the appointment of a committee

- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee—To vary the resolution appointing the committee by omitting “12 May 2010” and substituting “17 June 2010”

Amending an order of the Senate

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts and Finance and Public Administration—[amending the allocation](#) of departments and agencies—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

Membership

The Senate appointed [various senators](#) to the Reform of the Australian Federation Select 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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) that documents relating to the determination and establishment of new therapeutic groups under the *National Health Act 1953* be tabled by 12.00 pm on 12 May 2010.

Documents tabled

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

- ❑ Australia's human rights framework [order agreed to on [17 March 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Hanson-Young]
- ❑ Bilateral Intergovernmental agreements relating to the Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [order agreed to on [18 November 2009](#) on the motion of Senator Fisher]
- ❑ National Broadband Network Implementation Study [order agreed to on [11 March 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Ludlam]
- ❑ Statement and documents relating to the Education Services for Overseas Students Assurance Fund [order agreed to on [23 February 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Cormann]

[Notices of motion given](#)

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- ❑ Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong) to table copies of certain correspondence relating to the Home Insulation Program—no later than 12.00 pm on 13 May 2010—notice given by Senator Birmingham

- ❑ Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong) to table reports relating to the Green Loans program—no later than 12.00 pm on 13 May 2010—notice given by Senator Birmingham
- ❑ Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table documents relating to the short and long fin mako shark and the porbeagle shark—no later than 13 May 2010—notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Minister representing the Minister for Trade (Senator Carr) to table documents relating to certain assessments on the Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project—no later than 4.00 pm on 15 June 2010—notice given by Senator Ludlam
- ❑ Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Evans) to table certain correspondence relating to the Home Insulation Program—no later than 12.00 pm on 13 May 2010—notice given by Senator Birmingham
- ❑ Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) to table documents relating to the Government's response to the Henry Review—no later than 12.00 pm on 13 May 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)
- ❑ Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) to table quarterly reports by states and territories relating to planned spending on primary schools—no later than 4.00 pm on 13 May 2010—notice given by the Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee (Senator Cash)

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Australian Institute of Family Studies was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

A letter of advice for the Australian Institute of Family Studies was tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

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 reports](#) nos 25 to 33 of 2009-10
- ❑ Government documents [see Journals entries [2](#) and [37](#)]
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about renal health services from the South Australian Minister for Health (Mr Hill) [resolution agreed to [10 March 2010](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the response was agreed to]

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Protection of the Millewa forests](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [US House of Representatives](#) proposed resolution on the removal of US armed forces from Afghanistan—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [The Rudd Government](#)—proposed by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) [[first speaker](#)]

Statement by the President

The President tabled a [statement](#) relating to matters raised by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) during question time [related [statements](#) were made by Senator Bob Brown].

Ministry and ministerial arrangements

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

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

Senator Abetz informed the Senate of his [appointment](#) as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and the appointment of Senator Brandis as Deputy Leader [statements were made in relation to the matter – [first speaker](#)]

Personal explanations

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) made [personal explanations](#) relating to social networking sites not associated with him and News Limited articles concerning staff turnover in ministerial offices.

Death of former senator and former members

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Trood) informed the Senate of the deaths of a former senator and former members:

- ❑ on 10 April 2010 of William Yates, a member for the division of Holt from 1975 to 1980 [[statement](#) made by Senator Kroger];
- ❑ on 13 April 2010 of Bernard Francis Kilgariff, OAM, AM, a senator for the Northern Territory from 1975 to 1987 [[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) – [first speaker](#)];
- ❑ on 20 April 2010 of Andrea Gail West, a member for the division of Bowman from 1996 to 1998 [[statement](#) made by Senator Brandis]

Notices of motion

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

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