



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 13 May 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 9.09 pm

[The Senate](#) will meet again on 15 June 2010. Senate committees will meet from 24 May to 4 June 2010 to consider [Budget estimates](#).

Budget 2010-11

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

The [Opposition](#), the Leader of the [Australian Greens](#) and the Leader of the [Family First Party](#) responded to the Budget statement and documents.

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2010]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2010]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 2) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Transport Security Legislation Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2010]
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Income Support Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 May 2010]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Australian Information Commissioner Bill 2010
- ❑ Do Not Call Register Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [The bill was exempted from the cut-off order earlier in the day to enable consideration]

- Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Bill 2010
 - Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010
- [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- Anti-People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008–3 Government amendments agreed to and 2 items negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (University College London) Bill 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

Message from the House of Representatives

- Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Trade Practices Amendment](#) (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—[49th report](#)—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2010-11
- Community Affairs References Committee—[Hear us](#): Inquiry into hearing health in Australia [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Economics References Committee—[Milking it for all it's worth](#): Competition and pricing in the Australian dairy industry [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Publications Committee—[18th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee—[Fourth report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

Government responses tabled

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—
 - Review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*
 - Examination of the annual report for 2004-05 of the Australian Crime Commission
 - Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia
 - Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society
 - Examination of the annual report for 2006-07 of the Australian Crime Commission
 - Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007*
 - Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, AAA, IAA, IMU, JeM and LeJ as terrorist organisations; Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) as a terrorist organisation; Review of the listing of Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organisation; Review of the re-listing of Hamas' Brigades, PKK, LeT and PIJ as terrorist organisations
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 deseal/reseal workers and their families
- Treaties Joint Committee—103rd report—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 13 May 2009

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 7](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 15 June 2010
- Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 18 October 2010
- Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 3 June 2010
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 and 2 related bills—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 10 June 2010
- Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 25 October 2010
- Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 31 August 2010

- Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 15 June 2010
- Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 24 August 2010

Other references

- [Any bills](#) introduced into the House of Representatives after 13 May 2010 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2010—Committees—to report by 15 June 2010
- [Conduct at future elections](#)—Electoral Matters Joint Committee
- [Key outcomes](#) agreed at the Council of Australian Governments meeting on 19 and 20 April 2010—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 18 June 2010
- [Matters](#) relating to the publication of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy testing—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 13 August 2010

Additional terms of reference

The Senate [agreed](#) to additional terms of reference for the Cyber-Safety Joint Select Committee.

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 15 June 2010 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm to consider the 2010-11 Budget estimates for Australia Post.

Direction for a witness to appear

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) directing a witness to appear before the Economics Legislation Committee.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009—to report by 31 August 2010
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Management of aircraft noise by Airservices Australia—to report by 23 June 2010

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 16 June 2010 from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm to take evidence for the committee's biannual review of the National Capital Authority.

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mrs Mirabella has been discharged from the Library 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Treasurer (Senator Sherry) to table documents relating to the Government's response to the *Australia's Future Tax System* report, no later than noon on 20 May 2010.

Documents tabled

- Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong)—statement relating to the Green Loans program [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [12 May 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Birmingham]
- Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens)—statement relating to quarterly spending reports from the states and territories concerning primary schools [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [12 May 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Cash]
- Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib)—statement relating to mako and porbeagle sharks [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [12 May 2010](#) on the motion of Senator Siewert]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

Letters of advice for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Veterans' Affairs portfolio were 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

Letters of advice for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and the Veterans' Affairs portfolio were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- Australian parliamentary delegation—People's Republic of China and Hong Kong, 1 to 12 November 2009—Report
- [4 petitions](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Audit](#) of the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program—moved by Senator Scullion
- [Australian Taxation Office](#) Change Program—moved by Senator Xenophon
- [Enrol to Vote Week 2010](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal to improve exterior lighting within the Parliament House precinct—moved by the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (Senator Wong)

Motions negatived

- [Independent national inquiry on population](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Proposed petroleum exploration](#) off the coast of Margaret River, Western Australia—moved by Senator Siewert

Motion debated

- [The Rudd Government](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Temporary chair of committees

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Ludlam as a temporary chair of committees.

Statement by President

The President tabled a [statement](#) relating to a [question](#) asked by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) during question time on 12 May 2010.

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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