



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 22 February 2010

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 10.20 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2010 and 10 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 February 2010] [a motion for the bills to proceed without formalities was debated and negatived – [first speaker](#). As a result, subsequent stages of the passage of the bills must now take place on different days. See standing orders [112](#), [114](#), [120](#) and [122](#)]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 February 2010]
- ❑ National Health Security Amendment (Background Checking) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 February 2010]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 6) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 February 2010]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 [No. 2] and the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009 [No. 2]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
–1 Australian Greens [second reading amendment](#) to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Scholarship Payments) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Messages from the House of Representatives

Reported

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009 and a related bill—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bills will now be assented to]

Considered

- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009—advising that the House had agreed to one amendment made by the Senate and disagreed to two others [The Senate did not insist on its [amendments](#). The bill will now be assented to.]

Bills assented to

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Defence Sub-Committee [visit to East Timor](#) on 5 August 2009
- Public Works Joint Committee—73rd annual report [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[Unauthorised disclosure](#) of committee proceedings and evidence
- Treaties Joint Committee—[109th report](#)—Treaty tabled on 2 February 2010

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—22 February 2010 from 3.30 pm—Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 and related bills
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—23 February 2010 from 1.45 pm to 2.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs References Committee—
 - Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia—to report by 17 June 2010
 - Hearing health in Australia—to report by 13 May 2010
 - Suicide in Australia—to report by 24 June 2010
- Economics Legislation Committee—Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009—to report by 11 March 2010

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Review of Auditor-General’s reports–
 - 10 and 17 March 2010 from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
 - 11 March 2010 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Birmingham to replace Senator Boswell on the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee for the inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package, and appointed Senator Boswell as a participating member.

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising [various appointments](#) to joint committees.

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]

Notices of motion

To disallow

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave 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](#)].

To rescind a disallowance

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) gave 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](#)].

Notice of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a notice to disallow Marine Order No. 4 of 2009 – Part 28 – Operations standards and procedures – Issue 3, made under subsection 425(1AA) of the *Navigation Act 1912* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled documents relating to certain landholder agreements with Australian Solomons Gold Limited [tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [3 February 2010](#)]

Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to require documents relating to the Education Services for Overseas Students Assurance Fund to be tabled by 12.00 pm on 24 February 2010.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Resources Energy and Tourism portfolio 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

Letters of advice for [various portfolios](#) 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]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Australian Institute of Family Studies was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Advice and letters to the President of the Senate from the Clerk of the Senate—Senators being issued with subpoenas—Criminal case in the Northern Territory
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 22 of 2009-10
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—United States of America, 26 September to 11 October 2009—Report
- ❑ Government document—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Risk assessment of the insulation components under the energy efficient homes package—Minter Ellison Consulting [a motion to take note of the document was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Australia's relationship with India
- ❑ Burma [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

- Indigenous Australians–Closing the gap–Statement and Prime Minister’s report 2010 [a motion to take note of the statement was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Exit from the government guarantee of large deposits and wholesale funding

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Importation of beef products](#)–moved by Senator Williams [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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