



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 27 October 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.12 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills introduced

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 October 2010]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 October 2010]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 October 2010]
- ❑ National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Nash

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Appropriations and Staffing Committee—[Annual report](#) for 2009-10
- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—[Green Loans Program](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Procedure Committee—[Third report of 2010](#) – Question time – temporary order; Correction of divisions after misadventure; Procedure for consideration of private senators' bills
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 8](#) of 2010 and [8th report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 12](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and referred the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2010 to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for report by the fourth sitting day in 2011.

Other reference

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to the impacts of rural wind farms to the Community Affairs References Committee to report by 30 April 2011.

Private meetings

The Senate authorised the following private meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1):

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—28 October 2010 from 3.00 pm
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—27 October 2010 from 4.30 pm

[Notices of motion](#) to refer matters to committees

- ❑ Competition within the Australian banking sector—Economics References Committee—to report by 31 March 2011—notice given by Senators Xenophon and Bushby
- ❑ Matters relating to forced adoptions—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 April 2011—notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010] and the Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010—Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—notice given by Senator Fifield

Membership

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

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]

Approval of determinations

The Senate approved the following determinations made under section 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*:

- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2010 (No. 2) [[homepage](#)]
- ❑ Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net – Midwives) Amendment Determination 2010 [[homepage](#)]

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

An audit report by PricewaterhouseCoopers into the Green Loans Program was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [26 October 2010](#).

Orders 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

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statements

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled a ministerial statement about better superannuation for Australia.

The motion to take note of the [ministerial statement](#) tabled on 25 October 2010—Afghanistan: No safe haven was further debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion negatived

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senators Senator Siewert and Xenophon about [food labelling standards](#).

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [National Broadband Network](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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