



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 28 October 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.20 pm

## Legislation

---

[For bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 October 2010]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010]

The following private senator's bill was debated

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Carer Recognition Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [the House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 and a related bill [these bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]

- Tradex Scheme Amendment Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]
- Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 [this bill will now be assented to]

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

- Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010—transmitting the bill for the concurrence of the Senate [private member's bill passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2010. The message will be considered on a future sitting day.]

### **Committees**

---

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### **Estimates**

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

### **Report tabled**

- Publications Committee—[1st Report](#) [report adopted]

### **Documents tabled**

- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period November 2009 to June 2010

### **New inquiries**

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 13](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by the last sitting day of the 2011 autumn sittings
- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 22 November 2010
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010—
  - Schedules 2 and 3—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 22 November 2010
  - Schedule 4—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by the first sitting day in 2011
- Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by the second sitting day in 2011

### **Other references**

- [Competition](#) within the Australian banking sector—Economics References Committee—to report by 31 March 2011

- Management of the Murray-Darling Basin—Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 30 November 2011 [see Journals entries nos [4](#) and [6](#)]
- [Poker Machine](#) Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010] and Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010—Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform

The Senate [agreed](#) to withdraw the inquiry into the prevalence of interactive and online gambling in Australia from the Community Affairs References Committee [referred on [30 September 2010](#)] and refer it to the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform.

## 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—Documents tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy) tabled a statement about three orders agreed to on 26 October 2010 relating to the Government's mining tax proposals. [See Journals of the Senate, 26 October 2010, entries nos [11](#), [12](#) and [13](#)]

### Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 13 and 14 of 2010-11

### Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

### [Ministerial statement](#) tabled

The Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) tabled a ministerial statement about the Office of Best Practice Regulation [a motion to take note of the statement was agreed to].

## Other business

---

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

### Motions agreed to

- [Coal seam gas projects](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal for the construction of a new access road to the National Archives of Australia, and the installation of outdoor exhibits at Questacon

### **Motion negatived**

- [National apology](#) for victims of forced adoption policies—moved by Senator Siewert

### **Statement by President**

The President made a [statement](#) relating to certain procedures of the Senate.

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

A message was received requiring the concurrence of the Senate with a [resolution](#) of the House relating to the independent youth allowance. The message will be considered on a future sitting day.

### **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.

\* \* \* \* \*

#### **Online**

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

It is issued by the Senate Table Office as a convenient summary of each day’s proceedings in the Senate. For a complete account see the official record, the *Journals of the Senate*, on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/pubs/index.htm>

#### **Related resources**

The *Order of Business* (or ‘Senate Red’) and the *Dynamic Red* (which updates the *Order of Business* throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

#### **Contact details**

Inquiries, comments and suggestions:      phone 6277 3021  
e-mail: [sds@aph.gov.au](mailto:sds@aph.gov.au)