



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 29 September 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.24 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Measurement Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]

- ❑ Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Service and Execution of Process Amendment (Interstate Fine Enforcement) Bill 2010 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Amendment Bill 2010 [Senate bill]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- ❑ Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Drink Container Recycling Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)
- ❑ Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

To restore private senator's bills to the Notice Paper

- ❑ Choice of Repairer Bill 2010
- ❑ Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009
- ❑ Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008
—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

- ❑ The Senate agreed to motions—
 - [amending](#) standing order 25(1) (committee name changes) and allocating portfolios to committees
 - [establishing](#) committee groupings and dates for supplementary budget estimates hearings

[New inquiries](#)

The Senate referred the following matters to the Procedure Committee to report by 27 October 2010—

- ❑ Amendments to the standing orders

- ❑ Standing order 104, relating to the correction of divisions

Appointment of select committee

The Senate agreed to appoint the Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee.

Notices of motion given

To appoint a select committee

- ❑ New Taxes Select Committee—to report by 30 November 2011—notice given by Senator Cormann

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Interactive and online gambling—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 18 November 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Matters relating to pilot experience requirements and training—Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 17 November 2010—notice given by Senator Xenophon

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various appointments](#) to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References 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]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered that [documents](#) relating to superannuation and the Henry Tax Review be tabled by noon on 30 September 2010.

Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Sherry) to table the report of the Montara Commission of Inquiry—no later than 8 October 2010.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies

A letter of advice for the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy 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 contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for Old Parliament House was 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 report](#) no. 9 of 2010-11 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Australian National Audit Office—Annual report for 2009-10
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Days of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing the sitting days for the remainder of 2010.

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Afghan nationals](#)—Processing of asylum applications—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [Government responses to immigration detention reports](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [National Carers Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Detaining](#) of children and families in immigration facilities—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [Biodiversity loss](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Radioactive waste management](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Matter of public importance discussed

The Senate discussed [issues](#) relating to the budget and interest rates, raised by Senator Fifield as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

Address-in-reply

Debate commenced on the [Address-in-reply](#) to the Governor-General's speech and will resume on a later sitting day. An [Opposition amendment](#) remains to be determined.

Notices of motion

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

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