

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Question time to be televised live)

2008-10/116

MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2010

AT 12.30 pm

1. **Prayers**

2. **Withdrawal of notice**

Minister to withdraw government business notice of motion no. 1 (variation – days of meeting of the Senate for 2010 – Monday, 22 March 2010)

3. **Government business** – It is proposed to consider the following orders of the day and notice of motion subject to agreement to rearrange the business on the *Notice Paper*

Order of the day –

No. 1–Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 – Resumption of second reading debate

Notice of motion –

No. 2 – Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) – Exemption of bills from the provisions of standing order 111 (5) to (8) concerning the consideration of legislation (Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2010; Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010; Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010; Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2010; Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010; Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010)

Orders of the day – continued

No. 2–Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2009 Measures) Bill 2009 – Resumption of second reading debate

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010
(*subject to introduction and exemption from the bills cut-off order*)

No. 3–Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009
– Resumption of second reading debate

No. 4–Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009 –
Resumption of second reading debate

Refer to Notice Paper for other orders of the day

At 2 pm

4. **Questions**

5. **Motions to take note of answers**

Time limit: 30 minutes

6. **Notices of motion**

7. **Placing of business**

- Government Whip (Senator O'Brien), by leave, to move a motion for leave of absence for Senators Crossin, Lundy, Sherry, Stephens and Wortley

- Government Whip (Senator O'Brien), on behalf of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, by leave, to move a motion proposing an extension of time for the committee to report (Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 [Provisions])

- Postponement notifications received prior to printing:

Senator Xenophon to postpone business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 to 12 May 2010 (reference to the Community Affairs References Committee – interactive and online gambling)

Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) to postpone general business notices of motion nos 694 and 738 to 16 March 2010 (introduction of the Protection of Personal Information Bill 2010; introduction of the Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010)

8. **Discovery of formal business¹**

Business of the Senate – notice of motion –

No. 2 – Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) – Reference to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Government response to kidnappings of Australian citizens overseas)

Government business – notice of motion –

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¹ *If a notice of motion is declared formal it will be put and determined without amendment or debate. Any senator may object to a notice of motion being declared formal, in which case it will be listed for debate at a subsequent time*

General business – notice of motion –

No. 739 – Senator Milne – Compliance with an order for the production of documents relating to a map of Australian forest cover

9. **Deferred votes – General business – Order of the day –**

No. 123–Food Importation (Bovine Meat Standards) Bill 2010 – Second reading – Vote to be taken on the motion moved by Senator Parry—That the question be now put (*pursuant to the order of the Senate of 11 March 2010*)

10. **Matter of public importance** – President to announce receipt of letter from Senator Parry proposing that the following matter be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Rudd Labor Government’s border protection policy which is responsible for:

- (a) weak and porous borders;
- (b) chaos at the Christmas Island detention facility;
- (c) unsafe attempts to arrive in Australia by sea because of a weakened stance of border security; and
- (d) encouraging people smuggling.

(Under standing order 75 the proposed discussion must be supported by at least four other senators)

Time limit: 60 minutes, or if no motions are moved to take note of answers, 90 minutes

11. **Ministerial statements**

12. **Tabling of documents**

(a) By President

Proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services for works within the Parliamentary Zone, together with supporting documentation, relating to the improvement of exterior lighting within the Parliament House precinct

Minister, by leave, to give notice of motion in relation to the proposal

(b) By ministers

(c) By senators tabling reports from committees

Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Bishop) to present additional information received by the committee relating to its inquiry into the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]

- (d) By Clerk (*delegated legislation including regulations, ordinances, determinations, rules, declarations and orders – a list will be circulated in the chamber*)

Letter of advice and statement of compliance relating to departmental and agency contracts, files and grants, pursuant to order

*Time limit per speaker: 10 minutes
Time limit per motion: 30 minutes
Total time limit for all motions: 60 minutes*

13. **Committee membership**, *by leave*

14. **Messages from the House of Representatives** transmitting the following bills for concurrence:

Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010

Healthcare Identifiers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2010

(these bills are subject to the bills cut-off order)

Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Weekly Payments) Bill 2010

15. **Order of business** – It is proposed to consider business in the following order –

Business of the Senate – notice of motion –

No. 2 – Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) – Reference to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Government response to kidnappings of Australian citizens overseas)

Business of the Senate – orders of the day –

No. 2–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee – Report – Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010 and related bills [Provisions] (*pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report*)

No. 3–Community Affairs Legislation Committee – Report – Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010 and a related bill [Provisions] (*pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report*)

No. 4–Economics Legislation Committee – Report – Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report*)

Government business continued (see item 3)

The sitting of the Senate will be suspended from 6.30 pm till 7.30 pm

16. **Business** *continued* (see item 15 above)
17. **Adjournment** proposed – 9.50 pm
18. **Adjournment** – *not later than 10.30 pm*

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

Temporary chairs of committee on roster – Senators Troeth, Marshall, Ryan, Bishop, Moore and McGauran

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**COMMITTEE AUTHORISED TO MEET DURING THE SITTING OF THE
SENATE TODAY**

- Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters – from 12.30 pm