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THE PARLIAMENTARY CALENDAR

Parliament

A Parliament commences on the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either at dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House – whichever occurs first.

Session

A session commences upon the first sitting day following a general election or prorogation and concludes either by prorogation (the formal ending of a session), dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House.

Sitting period

Sitting periods occur within a session. Sittings of the House in each calendar year are usually divided into distinct periods—the Autumn, Budget and Spring sittings.

Sitting

A sitting commences pursuant to the standing or sessional orders, or in accordance with a resolution of the House at a previous sitting, and concludes with the adjournment of the same sitting. The same sitting may extend over more than one day.

House of Representatives Practice, 5th edn, p. 212

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Sitting periods in this session:

16 November — 9 December 2004

8 February — 17 March 2005

10 May — 24 June 2005 a.m.

9 August — 8 December 2005

7 February — 30 March 2006

9 May — 22 June 2006

8 August — 7 December 2006

6 February — 29 March 2007

8 May — 21 June 2007

7 August — 20 September 2007

The 41st Parliament was prorogued on Monday 15th October 2007 and the House of Representatives dissolved on Wednesday 17th October 2007.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

BILLS

<i>Autumn Sittings 2007</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 2007</i>	<i>Spring Sittings 2007</i>	<i>All Sittings 2007</i>
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Progress

Carried over from previous sittings	53	38	48	*
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Initiated in House of Representatives	51	69	34	154
Received from Senate	3	3	8	14
Total introduced	54	72	42	168

Passed both Houses and assented to	65	60	59	184
Not passed into law—				
Still before House	28	42	22	*
Still before Senate	10	6	8	*
Discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House	4	2	1	7
Negatived, discharged or removed from Notice Paper in Senate	0	0	0	0

Other details

Second reading amendments moved	16	19	26	61
Bills referred to—				
Main Committee	15	15	23	53
House committees/Joint committees by House/Senate	0	0	0	0
House committees/Joint committees by Minister	0	0	0	0
Bills self-referred by committees for inquiry	0	1	0	1
Bills initiated in House and amended in—				
House	2	4	12	18
Senate	10	5	3	18
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	1	0	1	2
Bills declared urgent ('guillotine') or otherwise subject to limitation of time	0	1	1	2
Private Members' bills—				
Introduced in House	1	5	1	7
Passed by House	0	0	0	0
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	1,672	2,087	2,040	5,799

* These figures cannot be totalled because bills from one sitting may also be included in the figure for the following sitting.

MISCELLANEOUS

	<i>Autumn Sittings 2007</i>	<i>Winter Sittings 2007</i>	<i>Spring Sittings 2007</i>	<i>All Sittings 2007</i>
House—				
Sitting weeks	5	5	4	14
Sitting days	18	18	14	50
Hours of sittings*—				
Including suspensions of sittings [†]	158	163	131	452
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Main Committee—				
Meetings	12	14	10	36
Hours of meetings*—				
Including suspensions [#]	42	72	34	148
Excluding suspensions [#]	37	61	31	129
Days on which—				
Adjournment motion debated in—				
House	18	16	14	48
Main Committee	4	5	4	13
Grievance debate called on and debated	3	3	2	8
Matters of public importance discussed	15	13	11	39
Private Members' business given priority	3	3	2	8
Parliamentary committee reports presented	20	24	45	89
Items of private Members' business debated	12	11	5	28
90 second statements by private Members	31	33	25	89
3 minute statements by private Members in Main Committee	110	121	81	312
Divisions	29	25	21	75
Closures of—				
Member agreed to	5	7	0	12
Question agreed to	2	1	2	5
Petitions presented	48	100	102	250
Signatures to petitions	39,562	39,748	39,286	118,596
Questions in writing (placed on Notice Paper)	371	443	232	1,046
Oral questions (without notice)	335	329	240	904
Average number of oral questions asked for each sitting day on which question time occurred	19	18	17	18

* Adjusted to the nearest hour.

[†] Suspensions for meals and during sittings extending over more than one day.

[#] For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in House.

BILLS

PROGRESS

Bills passed both Houses and assented to	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 2007</i>	<i>Date of assent</i>
APEC Public Holiday ^{A1}	8 Aug	139	3 Sep
Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) (No. 1) 2007-2008	7 Aug	126	17 Aug
Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) (No. 2) 2007-2008	7 Aug	127	17 Aug
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) ^{A2}	30 May	142	17 Sep
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	20 Sep	168	28 Sep
Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	13 Sep	156	24 Sep
Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment (No. 2)	20 Jun	171	28 Sep
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	15 Aug	131	20 Aug
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (OHS)	29 Mar	153	24 Sep
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material)	21 Jun	179	28 Sep
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites)	16 Aug	157	24 Sep
Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting)	20 Jun	178	28 Sep
Corporations Amendment (Insolvency)	31 May	132	20 Aug
Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment ^{A1}	21 Jun	148	24 Sep
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1)	30 May	133	20 Aug
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures)	7 Aug	128	17 Aug
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance)	16 Aug	182	28 Sep
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures)	20 Jun	183	28 Sep
Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) ^{A1} (<i>Previous citation: Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) 2006</i>)	29 Mar [‡]	163	25 Sep
Financial Framework Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	10 May	166	25 Sep
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) ^{A1}	21 Jun	149	24 Sep

[‡] 2006

^{A1} Amended in House.

^{A2} Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

Bills passed both Houses and assented to (continued)	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 2007</i>	<i>Date of assent</i>
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) ^{A1}	21 Jun	154	24 Sep
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services)	16 Aug	181	28 Sep
Health Legislation Amendment ^{A1}	13 Sep	180	28 Sep
Higher Education Endowment Fund	16 Aug	160	24 Sep
Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments)	16 Aug	161	24 Sep
Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Courses) ^{A1}	21 Jun	170	28 Sep
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures)	16 Aug	176	28 Sep
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Cosmetics)	13 Jun	134	20 Aug
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1)	29 Mar	136	3 Sep
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 2)	21 Jun	146	24 Sep
International Trade Integrity	14 Jun	147	24 Sep
Judges' Pensions Amendment	14 Jun	162	25 Sep
Maritime Legislation Amendment	8 Aug	150	24 Sep
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting ^{A1}	15 Aug	175	28 Sep
National Health Amendment (National HPV Vaccination Program Register)	20 Jun	135	20 Aug
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	20 Sep	169	28 Sep
National Health Security	13 Sep	174	28 Sep
Northern Territory National Emergency Response	7 Aug	129	17 Aug
Northern Territory National Emergency Response Amendment (Alcohol) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	13 Sep	141	14 Sep
Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment	24 May	155	24 Sep
Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry)	12 Sep	158	24 Sep
Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1)	20 Jun	172	28 Sep
Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2)	16 Aug	173	28 Sep
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform)	7 Aug	130	17 Aug
Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) ^{A1}	21 Jun	184	28 Sep
Superannuation Legislation Amendment	21 Jun	165	25 Sep
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Amendment	16 Aug	151	24 Sep
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1)	21 Jun	144	24 Sep
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2)	21 Jun	145	24 Sep

^{A1} Amended in House.

Bills passed both Houses and assented to (continued)	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Act No. of 2007</i>	<i>Date of assent</i>
Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4)	21 Jun	143	24 Sep
Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) ^{A1, A2, A3}	16 Aug	164	25 Sep
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment	14 Jun	177	28 Sep
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future)	21 Jun	152	24 Sep
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>)	16 Aug	140	14 Sep
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment (No. 1) ^{A2}	20 Jun	159	24 Sep
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Disability, War Widow and War Widower Pensions)	20 Sep	167	25 Sep
Water ^{A1}	8 Aug	137	3 Sep
Water (Consequential Amendments)	8 Aug	138	3 Sep

Bills passed both Houses and assented to — Total: 59

^{A1} Amended in House.

^{A2} Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

^{A3} Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House.

Bills not passed into law

Does not include bills introduced in Senate but not transmitted to House

Bills listed as still before the House and Senate lapsed at prorogation of the Parliament on 15 October

Bills still before House	<i>First reading</i>	<i>Second reading moved</i>
Aged Care Amendment (Securing the Future of Aged Care for Australians)	19 Sep	19 Sep
Airport Development and Aviation Noise Ombudsman (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	12 Feb	
Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change (Kyoto Protocol Ratification) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	28 May	
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Advertising and Other Matters)	22 Mar	22 Mar
Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	9 Aug	
Cross-Border Insolvency	20 Sep	20 Sep
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation)	20 Sep	20 Sep
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Review of Prudential Decisions)	13 Sep	13 Sep
Independent Contractors Amendment (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	18 Jun	
Late Payment of Government Debts (Interest) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	18 Jun	
Legislative Instruments (Technical Amendment) 2004 (<i>Formal bill</i>)	16 Nov‡‡‡	
Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations)	21 Jun	21 Jun
Murray-Darling Basin Amendment 2006	7 Dec‡	7 Dec‡
Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	13 Sep	
Privacy Protection for Off-shoring (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	18 Jun	
Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 6)	13 Sep	13 Sep
Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements)	20 Sep	20 Sep
Telecommunications (Amendment) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	17 Sep	
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) 2005 ^{A4}	10 Mar‡‡	10 Mar‡‡
Trade Practices Amendment (Horticultural Code of Conduct) (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	21 May	
Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection)	15 Aug	15 Aug
Tradex Scheme Amendment	20 Sep	20 Sep

Bills still before House — Total: 22

‡‡‡ 2004

‡‡ 2005

‡ 2006

^{A4} Amended in Senate (not yet considered in House).

Bills still before Senate	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Third reading</i>
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures)	13 Sep	19 Sep
Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) 2006	7 Dec‡	1 Mar
Defence Legislation Amendment ^{A1}	15 Aug	19 Sep
Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery)	7 Feb	28 Feb
Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) 2006	11 May‡	10 Aug‡
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) 2005	9 Mar‡‡	8 Dec‡‡
Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) 2004	17 Nov‡‡‡	12 May‡‡
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments)	28 Feb	8 Aug

Bills still before Senate — Total: 8

‡‡‡ 2004
 ‡‡ 2005
 ‡ 2006
^{A1} Amended in House

Bills discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House	<i>Second reading moved</i>	<i>Discharged or removed</i>
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment 2006 (<i>Private Member's bill</i>) ^R	30 Oct‡ ^{1°}	14 Aug

Bills discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House — Total: 1

‡ 2006
^R Removed from Notice Paper in accordance with standing order 42.
^{1°} First reading.

There were no bills negatived, discharged or removed from the Notice Paper in the Senate in the Spring sittings

OTHER DETAILS

Second reading amendments moved	<i>Moved</i>	<i>Mover</i>
APEC Public Holiday	13 Aug	Ms Gillard
Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment (No. 2)	9 Aug	Mr S F Smith
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{MC}	15 Aug	Mr M J Ferguson
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material)	15 Aug	Mr Bevis
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites)	11 Sep	Mr McMullan
Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting)	16 Aug	Mr Albanese
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures)	15 Aug	Ms Macklin
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) ^{MC}	12 Sep	Mr Bowen
Higher Education Endowment Fund	11 Sep	Mr S F Smith
Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses)	19 Sep	Mr S F Smith
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures)	19 Sep	Ms Macklin
International Trade Integrity	16 Aug	Mr Crean
Judges' Pensions Amendment	13 Aug	Ms Roxon
Maritime Legislation Amendment ^{MC}	15 Aug	Mr M J Ferguson
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting	12 Sep	Mr Garrett
Northern Territory National Emergency Response Amendment (Alcohol) (<i>Senate bill</i>)	13 Sep	Ms Macklin
Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1)	16 Aug	Ms Gillard
Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2)	19 Sep	Ms Gillard
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform)	7 Aug	Ms Macklin
Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students)	19 Sep	Mr S F Smith
Superannuation Legislation Amendment ^{MC}	13 Sep	Mr Griffin
Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4)	13 Aug	Mr Bowen
Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5)	12 Sep	Mr Bowen
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future)	9 Aug	Mr Albanese
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment (No. 1)	8 Aug	Mr Bowen
Water	14 Aug	Mr Albanese

Second reading amendments moved — Total: 26

^{MC} Moved in Main Committee.

Bills referred to Main Committee	<i>Referred</i>	<i>Returned</i>
Australian Crime Commission Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{WA}	19 Sep	20 Sep
Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{WA}	11 Sep	13 Sep
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{WA}	14 Aug	15 Aug
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (OHS) ^{WA}	8 Aug	16 Aug
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Advertising and Other Matters) ^{RH}	7 Aug	9 Aug
Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) ^{WA}	7 Aug	8 Aug
Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment ^{AMC}	11 Sep	12 Sep
Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) ^{WA}	18 Sep	19 Sep
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) ^{WA}	7 Aug	8 Aug
Defence Legislation Amendment ^{AMC}	18 Sep	19 Sep
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance) ^{WA}	11 Sep	12 Sep
Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) 2006 ^{AMC}	7 Aug	9 Aug
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) ^{AMC}	11 Sep	12 Sep
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) ^{AMC}	11 Sep	12 Sep
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 2) ^{WA}	14 Aug	16 Aug
Maritime Legislation Amendment ^{WA}	14 Aug	15 Aug
National Health Amendment (National HPV Vaccination Program Register) ^{WA}	7 Aug	8 Aug
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{WA}	20 Sep	20 Sep
Superannuation Legislation Amendment ^{WA}	11 Sep	13 Sep
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) ^{WA}	7 Aug	8 Aug
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Amendment ^{WA}	11 Sep	12 Sep
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment ^{WA}	14 Aug	15 Aug
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (<i>Senate bill</i>) ^{WA}	14 Aug	16 Aug

Bills referred to Main Committee — Total: 23

^{AMC} Amended in Main Committee

^{RH} Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in House)

^{WA} Agreed to without amendment.

There were no bills referred to committees and reported in the Spring sittings

Bills declared urgent ('guillotined') or otherwise subjected to limitation of time	<i>Moved on</i>
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) ^{NU}	8 Aug

^{NU} No declaration of urgency, but time allotted by suspension of standing orders.

TARIFF PROPOSALS

There were no Customs Tariff Proposal and Excise Tariff Proposal presented in the Spring sittings

MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

Humanities and Science Campus Square Stage 1 (*Mr Baldwin for Mr Lloyd, 12 Sep*); agreed to

Public works—

Australian Broadcasting Corporation accommodation project, Brisbane, Qld (*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

C-17 Heavy Airlift Infrastructure Project (*Mr McGauran, 20 Sep*); agreed to

Construction of staff apartments in the Australian Embassy compound, Baghdad, Iraq (*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

CSIRO collocation with Queensland Government on the Ecosciences and Health and Food Sciences precincts, Brisbane, Qld (*Mr McGauran, 20 Sep*); agreed to

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service, Brisbane, Qld (*Mr Lindsay, 13 Sep*); agreed to

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Sirius Building, Woden Town Centre, ACT (*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 3, Qld (*Mr McGauran, 20 Sep*); agreed to

RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, WA (*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

Rationalisation of ADF facilities at RMAF Butterworth, Malaysia (*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

There were no Censure/Want of confidence motions moved in the Spring sittings

Committees

Reference of work—Public Works—Standing Committee—

(*Mr Lindsay, 9 Aug*); agreed to

(*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

There were no disallowance motions moved in the Spring sittings

Private Members' business

Alimta and mesothelioma (*Ms Owens, 17 Sep*); debated

Disabled veterans and pensions (*Mr Rudd, 13 Aug*); debated

Missing Israeli soldiers (*Mrs Mirabella, 17 Sep*); debated

Salt and healthy lifestyle (*Mrs May, 17 Sep*); debated

UK pensions (*Mr Fawcett, 13 Aug*); debated

Procedural

Business of the Main Committee (*Mr Bartlett, 11 Sep*); agreed to

Rescission of resolution (*Mr Billson, 20 Sep*); agreed to

Special adjournment—

(*Mr Robb, 13 Aug*); agreed to

(*Mr Lindsay, 16 Aug*); agreed to

(*Mr Abbott, 20 Sep*); agreed to

Suspension of standing orders 31 and 33 (*Mr Turnbull, 14 Aug*); agreed to

Suspension of standing and sessional orders to allow—

Introduction of a bill (*Mr Nairn, 16 Aug*); agreed to

Minister for Defence to make a ministerial statement immediately (*Dr Nelson, 20 Sep*); agreed to

Order of business for Tuesday, 7 August to be rearranged as set out in a document presented to the House by the Leader of the House (*Mr Brough for Mr Abbott, 7 Aug*); agreed to

House to adjourn, following a period not exceeding 30 minutes after the adjournment motion is moved (*Mr Brough, 7 Aug*); agreed to

The Leader of the Opposition to detail to the House his allegation against the Prime Minister, the Liberal Party and the government (*Mr Costello, 20 Sep*); debated and amendment moved (*Mr Rudd*); amendment negated and motion agreed to

The Prime Minister to speak without interruption for ten minutes in relation to an amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition to a suspension of standing orders moved by the Treasurer (*Mr Abbott, 20 Sep*); debated and agreed to

Time to be allotted for second reading debate on a bill with Minister summing up second reading debate without delay and remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate (*Mr Hockey for Mr McGauran, 8 Aug*); debated and agreed to

Other

Speaker's rulings—Dissent from ruling (*Mr Ripoll, 19 Sep*); debated and negated

That the House invites the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada to address the House on 11 September 2007 and that a message be sent to the Senate inviting Senators to attend the address (*Mr Billson for Mr Abbott, 15 Aug*); debated and agreed to

OTHER BUSINESS

Statements by Speaker	<i>Made</i>
Privilege (<i>raised on 12 Sep by Mr Albanese</i>)	13 Sep

Ministerial statements	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Made</i>
Joint Defence facility Pine Gap	Dr Nelson	20 Sep

Matters of public importance discussed	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date</i>
Advertising of industrial relations reform	Ms Gillard	7 Aug
Australia's future	Ms Gillard	13 Sep
Australian health system	Ms Roxon	12 Sep
Climate change	Mr Garrett	11 Sep
Dental care	Ms Roxon	18 Sep
Housing affordability	Ms Plibersek	14 Aug
Inflation and interests rates	Mr Swan	8 Aug
Interests rates and housing affordability	Mr Tanner	9 Aug
Local government amalgamations	Mr Neville	16 Aug
Skills, education and training	Mr S F Smith	19 Sep
Working families	Mr Rudd	15 Aug

Parliamentary delegation reports	<i>Presented</i>
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report on visits to— Cambodia, 21 to 26 Apr 2007, and the 116th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Bali, 27 Apr to 4 May 2007	13 Aug
Canada and Germany, 14 to 28 Apr 2007	17 Sep

COMMITTEES

All inquiries listed as current lapsed at prorogation of the Parliament on 15 October

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Dr Lawrence (*Deputy Chair*), Ms A L Ellis, Mr Garrett, Mr Laming, Mr Slipper, Mr Snowden, Dr Southcott, Mr Tuckey, Mrs D S Vale

Report

Indigenous Australians at work: Successful initiatives in Indigenous employment (*presented 13 Aug*)

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (Standing)

Membership

Mr Schultz (*Chair*), Mr Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Mr M D Ferguson, Mr M J Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Mirabella, Mr G M O'Connor, Mr Secker, Mr Tuckey, Mr Windsor

Current inquiry

Future development of the Australian honey bee industry

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Senator Crossin, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mrs May, Senator Parry, Mr Wilkie

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator I Macdonald (*Chair*), Mr Kerr (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Bartlett, Senator Bishop, Mrs Gash, Mr Hayes, Senator Parry, Senator Polley, Mr Richardson, Mr Wood

Report

Inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society (*presented 19 Sep*)

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

The Speaker, The President, Mr Bartlett, Mr Cadman, Senator Faulkner, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Murphy, Senator Parry, Ms Vamvakinou

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Jackie Kelly (*Chair*), Ms Owens (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B K Bishop, Mr Garrett, Mr Hayes, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Mr Laming, Mr Ticehurst, Ms Vamvakinou

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Chapman (*Chair*), Ms A E Burke (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Mr Bartlett, Senator Bernardi, Mr Bowen, Mr McArthur, Senator Murray, Senator Sherry, Senator Wong

Current inquiry

Shareholder engagement and participation

Reports

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*presented 9 Aug*)

The structure and operation of the superannuation industry (*presented 7 Aug*)

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Baird (*Chair*), Ms Bird (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Mr Emerson, Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Mr McArthur, Mr Secker, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner

Reports

Australian manufacturing: Today and tomorrow (*presented 13 Aug*)

Home loan lending—Inquiry into home loan lending practicing and the processes used to deal with people in financial difficulty (*presented 17 Sep*)

Report of the 2007 New Zealand parliamentary committee exchange, 15 to 19 Jul 2007 (*presented 19 Sep*)

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2006 (second report) (*presented 17 Sep*)

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hartsuyker (*Chair*), Mr Sawford (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Bartlett, Ms Bird, Ms Corcoran, Mr Fawcett, Mr M D Ferguson, Mr Henry, Ms Livermore, Mrs Markus

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing)

Membership

Mrs Mirabella (*Chair*), Senator Sterle (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Adams, Senator Carr, Mr Ciobo, Mr Danby, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, Mr Forrest, Mr Griffin, Senator Murray

Report

Review of certain aspects of the administration of the Australian Electoral Commission (*presented 17 Sep*)

EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Hardgrave (*Chair*), Mr Hayes (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Ms Hall, Mr Henry, Mrs May, Mr B P O'Connor, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Vasta

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Washer (*Chair*), Ms George (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Broadbent, Mr Entsch, Ms Hoare, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Mr Ticehurst, Mr Wood

Current inquiry

Environmental implications of the 'sea change' phenomenon

Reports

Managing the flow: Regulating of plumbing product quality (*presented 19 Sep*)

Sustainability for survival: Creating a climate for change—Inquiry into a sustainability charter (*presented 17 Sep*)

FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES (Standing)

Membership

Mrs B K Bishop (*Chair*), Mrs Irwin (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Ms K M Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Fawcett, Ms George, Mrs Markus, Mr Quick, Mr Ticehurst

Report

The winnable war on drugs: The impact of illicit drug use on families (*presented 13 Sep*)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing)

Membership

Senator Payne (*Chair—from 15 Aug*), Senator Ferguson (*to 14 Aug*)(*Chair—to 14 Aug*), Mr Edwards (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baird, Mr Barresi, Senator Bartlett, Senator Crossin, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Senator Eggleston, Senator Fifield (*from 17 Aug*), Mrs Gash, Mr Gibbons, Mr Haase, Mr Hatton, Senator Hutchins, Mr Jull, Senator Kirk, Senator S Macdonald, Senator Moore, Mrs Moylan, Mr Prosser, Mr Scott, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Dr Southcott, Senator Stott Despoja, Mr C P Thompson, Senator Trood, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wakelin, Senator Webber, Mr Wilkie

Current inquiries

Australia's regional strategic defence requirements

Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2005-2006

Reports

Australia's aid program in the Pacific (*presented 20 Sep*)

Australia's Defence Force regional air superiority (*presented 12 Sep*)

Australia's trade with Mexico and the region (*presented 12 Sep*)

HEALTH AND AGEING (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr Georganas (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cadman, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Elson, Mr Entsch, Ms Hall, Mr Johnson, Ms King, Mr Vasta

Reports

The best start: Report on the inquiry into the health benefits of breastfeeding (*presented 9 Aug*)

Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 19 (2006-2007): Administration of State and Territory compliance with the Australian Health Care Agreements (*presented 15 Aug*)

HOUSE (Standing)*Membership*

The Speaker, Mr Broadbent, Ms Hall, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay

INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Hatton (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Mrs B K Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr M J Ferguson, Mr Haase, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly, Mr Tollner

Current inquiry

Development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia: Case study into selected renewable energy sectors

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (Joint Statutory)*Membership*

Mr Jull (*Chair*), Mr Byrne (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Ciobo, Senator Faulkner, Senator Ferguson (*to 14 Aug*), Mr Kerr, Mr McArthur, Senator S Macdonald (*from 17 Aug*), Senator Nash, Senator Ray

Current inquiry

Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation

Reports

Annual Report of committee activities 2006-07 (*presented 13 Aug*)

Inquiry into the proscription of 'terrorist organisations' under the Australian Criminal Code (*presented 20 Sep*)

Review of administration and expenditure No. 5, Australian Intelligence Organisations (*presented 13 Aug*)

Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) (*presented 15 Aug*)

Review of the re-listing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), Lashkar-e-Tayibba (LeT) and the Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (*sent to Speaker under SO 247, 27 Sep*)

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Slipper (*Chair*), Mr Murphy (*Deputy Chair*), Mr M D Ferguson, Mrs Hull, Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Mrs Mirabella, Mr Secker, Mr K J Thomson, Mr Tollner

Report

Older people and the law (*presented 20 Sep*)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Ciobo (*Chair*), Mr Jenkins (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Byrne, Mr Neville, Mr Quick, Mr Secker, Mr C P Thompson

MIGRATION (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Mr Randall (*Chair*), Senator Polley (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Mr L Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Mr Keenan, Dr Lawrence, Senator Parry, Dr Southcott

Report

Temporary visas...permanent benefits: Ensuring the effectiveness, fairness and integrity of the temporary business visa program (*presented 12 Sep*)

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Senator Lightfoot (*Chair*), Ms A L Ellis (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Causley, Senator Crossin, Mr Neville, Senator Hogg, Senator Joyce, Senator Lundy, Mrs Mirabella, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Stott Despoja

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Mr Adams (*Joint Chair*), Senator Trood (*Joint Chair*), Senator Allison, Mr Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Hatton, Senator Hutchins, Senator McGauran, Senator Nash, Mr B P O'Connor, Mr Wakelin, Senator Webber

PRIVILEGES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr C P Thompson (*Chair*), Mr Snowdon (*Deputy Chair*), Ms A E Burke (*from*), Mrs Draper, Mrs Gash, Mr Hartsuyker, Mr Melham, Ms Plibersek, Mr Price, Mr Randall, Mr Somlyay

Reports

Report concerning an application from Ms Harriett Swift for the publication of a response to references made in the House of Representatives (*presented 12 Sep*)

Report concerning applications from Professor David Peetz for the publication of responses to references made in the House of Representatives (*presented 12 Sep*)

PROCEDURE (Standing)*Membership*

Mrs May (*Chair*), Mr Melham (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B K Bishop, Mrs Draper, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Hoare, Mr Price

Current inquiry

Question Time procedures

Report

Making a difference—Petitioning the House of Representatives (*presented 17 Sep*)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (Joint Statutory)*Membership*

Mr Barresi (*Chair*), Ms Grierson (*Deputy Chair*), Mrs B K Bishop, Senator Bishop, Mr Broadbent, Senator Chapman, Mr Emerson, Senator Hogg, Senator Humphries, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Mr Laming, Senator Murray, Mr Tanner, Senator Watson

Current inquiries

Certain taxation matters

Reforms to financial reporting and equipment acquisition at Defence and DMO

Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 1 to 20 (2006/07)

Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 7 to 34 (2005/06)

Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 21 (2006/07) to 3 (2007/08)

Review of Auditor-General's Reports Nos. 35 to 52 (2005/06)

Review of Auditor General's Reports Nos. 43 (2004/05) to 52 (2005/06)

PUBLIC WORKS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mr B P O'Connor (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Forrest, Senator Hurley, Mr Jenkins, Senator Parry, Mr Ripoll, Senator Troeth, Mr Wakelin

Current inquiries

Airborne Early Warning and Control Facilities, RAAF Base Tindal, NT
 Hardened and Networked Army (HNA) facilities at Edinburgh Defence Precinct, SA
 HMAS Creswell redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory
 Land Engineering Agency Test Services relocation, Monegeetta, Vic
 Multi role helicopter facilities
 Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan
 Robertson Barracks redevelopment, Darwin, NT
 Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment, Sydney, NSW

Reports

C-17 heavy air lift infrastructure project (*presented 19 Sep*)
 CSIRO collocation with Queensland Government on the Ecosciences and Health and Food Sciences precincts, Brisbane, Qld (*presented 19 Sep*)
 Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service at The Circuit, Brisbane Airport, Qld (*presented 12 Sep*)
 Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Woden Town Centre, ACT (*presented 15 Aug*)
 RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 3, Qld (*presented 19 Sep*)
 RAAF Base Butterworth, Malaysia—Australian Defence Force facilities rationalisation (*presented 15 Aug*)
 RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, WA (*presented 15 Aug*)

PUBLICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Mrs Draper (*Chair*), Mr Adams (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Baker, Ms Corcoran, Mr Hayes, Mrs Hull, Mr Johnson

Reports

Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament (*presented 20 Sep*)
 7th Report (*presented 16 Aug*)
 8th Report (*presented 20 Sep*)

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (Standing)

Membership

Mr Georgiou (*Chair*), Mr Quick (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Hayes, Mr Jenkins, Dr Jensen, Jackie Kelly, Mr K J Thomson, Mr Tollner, Mrs D S Vale, Dr Washer

Report

Between a rock and a hard place: The science of Geosequestration (*presented 13 Aug*)

SELECTION (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Danby, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mrs Hull, Mr McArthur, Mr Neville, Mr Price, Mr Wilkie

Reports relating to the program of business on Monday—

13 Aug (*presented 8 Aug*)

17 Sep (*presented 13 Sep*)

15 Oct (*presented 18 Sep*)

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES (Standing)*Membership*

Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Bird, Mr Haase, Ms Hall, Dr Jensen, Mr McArthur, Mr Richardson, Mr Ripoll, Mr Schultz

Report

The great freight task: Is Australia's transport network up to the challenge? (*presented 13 Aug*)

TREATIES (Joint Standing)*Membership*

Dr Southcott (*Chair*), Mr Wilkie (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Adams, Senator Bartlett, Senator Birmingham, Senator Carol Brown, Mr Johnson, Mr Keenan, Senator Macdonald, Mrs May, Senator McGauran, Mr Laming, Mr Ripoll, Mr Scott, Senator Sterle, Senator Wortley

Current inquiries

Treaties tabled on 15 Aug 2007

Treaties tabled on 11 Sep 2007

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Reports

Report 86—Treaties tabled on 27 Mar and 9 May 2007 (*presented 16 Aug*)

Report 87—Treaties tabled on 13 Jun 2007 (*presented 16 Aug*)

Report 88—Treaty tabled on 7 Aug 2007 (*presented 16 Aug*)

Report 89—Treaties tabled on 7 Aug 2007 (*presented 20 Sep*)

RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no schedules of Government responses in the Spring sittings

Government responses to individual reports	<i>Presented</i>
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Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations	16 Aug
Australian Crime Commission—Joint Committee— Trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Supplementary report	13 Sep
Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Committee— Timeshare: The price of leisure	13 Sep
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee— Funding and disclosure: Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates	9 Aug
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee— Review of Australia's relationship with Malaysia	13 Sep
Intelligence and Security—Joint Committee— Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations—Number 4: Recruitment and training	13 Sep
Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah as terrorist organisations	16 Aug
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Review of the re-listing of ASG, JuA, GIA and GSPC	16 Aug
National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee— Norfolk Island electoral matters	13 Sep
Norfolk Island financial sustainability—The challenge: sink or swim	13 Sep
Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?: Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island	13 Sep
Review of the Griffin Legacy amendments	16 Aug
Procedure—Standing Committee— Consideration of the annual estimates by the House of Representatives	16 Aug
Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee— Report 407: Review of Auditor-General's Reports tabled between 18 Jan and 18 Apr 2005 (<i>Executive Minute—Department of Finance and Administration</i>)	12 Sep
Science and Innovation—Standing Committee— Pathways to technological innovation	18 Sep
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee— Report 66: Treaties tabled on 7 Dec 2004 (4), 15 Mar and 11 May 2005	9 Aug
Report 81: Treaties tabled on 8 Aug 2006 (2)	13 Sep
Report 84: Treaty tabled on 6 Dec 2006	13 Sep

DOCUMENTS

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Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 69—Alcoota Land Claim No. 146	11 Sep
ASC Pty Ltd—Statement of corporate intent for 2007 to 2010.....	11 Sep
Auditor-General—	
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No. 50—Performance audit—The Higher Education Loan Programme: Department of Education, Science and Training	7 Aug
No. 51—Financial statement audit—Interim phase of the audit of financial statement of general government sector agencies for the year ending 30 June 2007.....	7 Aug
No. 52—Financial statement audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s approach to regulating and registering self managed superannuation funds: Australian Taxation Office.....	7 Aug
No. 53—Performance audit—Australian Federal Police overseas operations	7 Aug
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No. 02—Performance audit—Electronic travel authority—Follow-up audit: Department of Immigration and Citizenship.....	7 Aug
No. 03—Performance audit—Australian technical colleges programme: Department of Education, Science and Training	7 Aug
No. 04—Performance audit—Container examination facilities follow-up: Australian Customs Service.....	8 Aug
No. 05—Performance audit—National cervical screening program follow-up: Department of Health and Ageing.....	16 Aug
No. 06—Performance audit—Australia’s preparedness for a human influenza pandemic: Department of Health and Ageing; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11 Sep
Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent for 2007-08 to 2009-10	19 Sep
Australian Communications and Media Authority—	
Performance report—National Relay Service—2005-06	11 Sep
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Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent for 2007-08	20 Sep
Australian Land Transport Development Programme—Progress report for 2004-05	7 Aug
Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—	
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Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2006-07	19 Sep
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 September 2006 to 31 December 2006	15 Aug
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Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent for 2007-08.....	15 Aug
Australian War Memorial—Report for 2006-07	19 Sep
Backing Australia’s Ability—The Australian Government’s innovation report 2006-07	9 Aug
<i>Crimes Act 1914</i> —Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2006-07—Australian Federal Police	13 Sep
<i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> —Control orders and preventative detention orders—Report for 2006-07	18 Sep
Customs Act—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations—Report to Parliament on the export of human embryos—1 January to 12 June 2007.....	7 Aug
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Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Access and equity report for 2006	11 Sep
Department of the Environment and Water Resources—Review of the National Environment Protection Council Acts (Commonwealth, State and Territory)—June 2007	7 Aug
Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 2006-07	20 Sep
Family Law Council—Report—Relocation, May 2006—Government response	7 Aug
Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2007	11 Sep
Health Services Australia—Statement of corporate intent for 2007-10	13 Sep
<i>Housing Assistance Act 1996</i> —Report for 2005-06	12 Sep
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 37—Report of an inquiry into Dr Julie Copeman’s complaint that Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service terminated her employment on the basis of her trade union activity (and corrections)	11 Sep
IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Neo Pty Limited—Report for 2005-06.....	18 Sep
Indigenous Land Corporation—National indigenous land strategy for 2007-12.....	8 Aug
International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instruments—Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (No. 186—MLC 2006).....	16 Aug
Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent for 2008 to 2010.....	20 Sep
Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4—2006-07	11 Sep
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National Security Information (Criminal and Civil Proceedings) Act—Non-disclosure and witness exclusion certificates—Report for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07	20 Sep
Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06	11 Sep
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<i>Surveillance Devices Act 2004</i> —Commonwealth Ombudsman’s report on inspections of surveillance device records for the periods—1 January to 30 June 2007—Australian Federal Police, South Australia Police and New South Wales Police	19 Sep
Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly report on movement cap for Sydney airport—1 April to 30 June 2007	18 Sep
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Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic on social security (Canberra, 23 May 2007)	7 Aug
Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga relating to air services, done at Neiafu, Tonga on 23 August 2003.....	11 Sep
Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the status of visiting forces of each State in the territory of the other State, done at Canberra on 31 May 2007.....	7 Aug
Treaty between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (Hobart, 26 July 2007).....	18 Sep
Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates (Hobart, 26 July 2007).....	18 Sep
List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at—September 2007	19 Sep
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3 of 2007—Amendment, adopted at Paris on 7 February 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005	15 Aug
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Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva on 1 June 2000.....	15 Aug
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Withdrawal of Australia's exemption for the use of mirex under Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done at Stockholm on 22 May 2001.....	11 Sep
United Nations—International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights—Australia's report under the covenants for the period January 1997 to June 2006.....	7 Aug
<i>Witness Protection Act 1994</i> —Report on the operation of the National Witness Protection Program for 2006-07.....	11 Sep
Workplace Relations Act—Agreement making in Australia under the Act—Report for 2004 to 2006	19 Sep
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Employment and Workplace Relations	7	9,868
Environment and Water Resources	17	9,371
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	4	2,272
Finance and Administration	1	402
Foreign Affairs	8	4,014
Health and Ageing	21	7,464
Human Services	3	2,679
Immigration and Citizenship	28	1,044
Transport and Regional Services	1	87
Total	102	39,286

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Total no. of sittings from 7 Aug to 20 Sep: 14

Total no. of sittings in 2007: 50

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Bishop, J I	14....50	Gibbons, S W	14....50	McArthur F S	14....50	Southcott, A J	14....50
Bowen, C E	14....50	Gillard, J E	14....50	McClelland R B	14....50	Stone, S N	14....50
Broadbent, R E	14....50	Grierson, S J	14....48	McGauran, P J	13....49	Swan, W M	14....50
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Burke, A E	13....45			Melham, D	14....50	Tanner, L J	14....50
Burke, T S	14....50	Haase, B W	14....50	Mirabella, S	14....50	Thompson, C P	14....50
Byrne, A M	14....50	Hall, J G	14....49	Moylan, J E	14....46	Thomson, K J	14....50
		Hardgrave, G D	14....50	Murphy, J P	14....43	Ticehurst, K V	14....49
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Causley, I R	14....50	Hatton, M J	13....48	Nairn, G R	14....49	Truss, W E	14....45
Ciobo, S M	14....50	Hawker, D P M	14....50	Nelson, B J	14....50	Tuckey, C W	14....46
Cobb, J K	13....40	Hayes, C	14....50	Neville, P C	14....50	Turnbull, M B	14....46
Corcoran, A K	14....35	Henry, S I	14....50				
Costello, P H	14....50	Hoare, K J	3....28	O'Connor, B P	14....50	Vaile, M A J	14....48
Crean, S F	14....49	Hockey, J B	13....49	O'Connor, G M	14....50	Vale, D S	14....50
		Howard, J W	14....49	Owens, J	14....50	Vamvakinou, M	14....48
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Downer, A J G	14....42	Hunt, G A	14....46	Pearce, C J	14....50	Wakelin, B H	14....50
Draper, P	13....45			Plibersek, T	13....46	Washer, M J	14....50
Dutton P C	14....50	Irwin, J C	14....50	Price, L R S	14....50	Wilkie, K W	12....48
				Prosser, G D	14....50	Windsor, A H C	14....48
Edwards, G J	14....47	Jenkins, H A	14....46	Pyne, C M	14....50	Wood, J P	14....50
Elliot, J M	14....50	Jensen, D G	14....50				
Ellis, A L	14....50	Johnson, M A	14....49	Quick, H V	14....50		
Ellis, K M	14....50	Jull, D F	13....49				

Members or Ministers may be absent from the House during sittings on parliamentary or government business.

2007 SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

January

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