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## **BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

### **Notice of Motion**

*Notice given 24 June 2008*

\*1 **Senator Johnston:** To move—

- (1) That the Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 15 August 2008, together with the following matters:
  - (a) the impact of the means test threshold of \$100 000 on the \$8 000 solar rebate per household on the solar industry;
  - (b) the effect on the uptake of solar panels by Australian households, comparing state-by-state results;
  - (c) the impact on the number of applications for the \$8 000 since the budget decision to impose the means test;
  - (d) the impact on jobs in the solar industry, comparing state-by-state results;
  - (e) the impact on emissions reductions as a consequence of this decision, comparing state-by-state results;
  - (f) the consultation that occurred within government, including departments and agencies, prior to the decision and the input of each department and agency on the measure;
  - (g) the economic and environmental modelling underpinning the decision to impose the means test;
  - (h) the extent of the discussion prior to the decision with the solar panel industry on the impact of the decision;
  - (i) the future viability of, and effects on, the solar industry as a result of the means test;
  - (j) the impact on the Solar Cities programs at various sites around Australia and other related programs; and
  - (k) other relevant matters.
- (2) That, as a minimum, the committee hold hearings in all Australian capital cities and hears evidence, inter alia, from Australia's solar industry.

### **Orders of the Day**

**1 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the sexualisation of children in the media.

**2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the 2008-09 Budget estimates.



## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 24 June 2008*

- \*1 **Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for other purposes. *Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008*.
- \*2 **Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
  - Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008
  - Governance Review Implementation (AASB and AUASB) Bill 2008.

*Notice given 23 June 2008*

- 3 **Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy):** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services, relating to the construction of a childcare centre.

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008**  
In committee (24 June 2008).
- 2 **Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 3 **Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 4 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008**  
In committee (24 June 2008).
- 5 **Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), 23 June 2008*).
- 6 **Australian Energy Market Amendment (Minor Amendments) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Conroy*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Conroy, 23 June 2008*).

- 7 **Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (International Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- \*8 **Military Memorials of National Significance Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Evans, 24 June 2008*).
- 9 **Customs Amendment (Strengthening Border Controls) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 10 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 11 **Lands Acquisition Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 14 May 2008*).
- 12 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (1999 Montreal Convention and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 13 **Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Bill 2008**  
**Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 14 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 15 **Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 15 May 2008*).
- 16 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 17 **Budget statement and documents 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008*).

**18 Governor-General's Opening Speech**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wortley—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

*To His Excellency the Governor-General*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS  
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND  
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

**Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses**

- \*1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).
- 2 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 3 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Advisory report—Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).
- 4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 16 June 2008*).
- 5 **Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee—Report—A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Payne)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 June 2008*).

**6 Privileges—Standing Committee—133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Brandis)—That the Senate endorse the finding at paragraph 1.31 of the 133rd report of the Committee of Privileges (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

**7 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

### **Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports**

**1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 27 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Emergency management Australia—Attorney-General's Department**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

**2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 28 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Defence's compliance with the Public Works Committee approval processes—Department of Defence**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

**3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Parent School Partnerships Initiative—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

**4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's use of data matching and analytics in tax administration—Australian Taxation Office**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

**5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of recruitment in the Australian Public Service**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

**6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Preparation of the Tax Expenditure Statement—Department of the Treasury**

Consideration (*13 May 2008*).

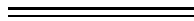
**7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The National Capital Authority's management of national assets—National Capital Authority**

Consideration (*15 May 2008*).

**8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of the pathology quality and outlays memorandum of understanding—Department of Health and Ageing**

Consideration (*16 June 2008*).

- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Building certification of residential aged care homes—Department of Health and Ageing**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Taxpayers’ charter: Follow-up audit—Australian Taxation Office**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s strategies to address tax haven compliance risks—Australian Taxation Office**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of credit cards**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of Job Network service fees—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Managing e-Business applications: Follow-up audit—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**  
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of personnel security: Follow-up audit**  
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of customer debt: Follow-up audit—Centrelink; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**  
Consideration (23 June 2008).
- \*17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Third tranche sale of Telstra shares—Department of Finance and Deregulation**  
Consideration (24 June 2008).



## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 13 February 2008*

- 18 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
- (i) the contempt in which the Australian Labor Party (ALP) has historically held upper houses around the country, including a platform to abolish all upper houses until 1979, the abolition of the upper house in Queensland and a current policy to abolish the South Australian Legislative Council,
  - (ii) that the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) has reduced the number of sitting weeks in the Senate in 2008, and
  - (iii) that the Deputy Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) has already demanded legislation be passed without adequate scrutiny in the Senate; and
- (b) given the above, condemns the Rudd Labor Government for continuing the ALP's legacy of inherent contempt for the Senate.

*Notice given 11 March 2008*

- 29 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday, 20 March 2008, a copy of the Department of Education, Science and Training review of private school funding report.
- 37 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
- (i) that Amnesty International, CARE International UK, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Medecins du Monde UK, Oxfam, Save the Children UK and Trocaire, in the week beginning 2 March 2008 said that the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is now worse than it was at any time since Israel occupied the Palestinian territories in 1967,
  - (ii) that those organisations in the week beginning 9 March 2008 described Israel's blockade of Gaza as a collective punishment of the entire Gazan population of 1.5 million and said it was unacceptable and illegal,
  - (iii) that the situation has worsened since Israel imposed the severe restrictions over the Gaza Strip and hindered the movement of residents and goods,
  - (iv) that poverty levels in the Gaza Strip are rising and that hospitals are suffering 12 hour power cuts each day while water and sewage systems are close to collapse,



- (v) that the United Nations (UN) emergency relief coordinator in Gaza says medical services are deteriorating, private industry has more or less collapsed, hospitals lack sufficient beds, drugs, resuscitation devices, needles and blood to meet the demand and more than 80 per cent of the population are receiving emergency rations from UN agencies as their main source of food,
  - (vi) that 40 per cent of the Gaza population has access to water for only a few hours a day and that municipal authorities lack the fuel and spare parts needed to maintain water delivery infrastructure which could collapse at any time and that 40 million litres of raw or partially-treated sewage is being pumped into the Mediterranean Sea every day with long-term risks to the environment, and
  - (vii) that the International Save the Children Alliance advised that hundreds of thousands of children are among those most at risk in the crisis in Gaza with increased levels of chronic disease, anaemia, diarrhoea and malnutrition in children under 5 years of age;
- (b) urges the Government to work with the international community and parties to the conflict to, as a matter of urgency:
- (i) establish procedures to manage the crossings and re-establish full humanitarian and commercial access to Gaza,
  - (ii) enforce the full implementation of the 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access, which was announced by the United States Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, in Jerusalem on 15 November 2005,
  - (iii) develop a strategy that ensures the protection of children and other civilians in Gaza, while negotiations continue for an end to the violence and a comprehensive settlement of the conflict, and
  - (iv) increase the levels of humanitarian aid in Gaza to reflect the severity of need; and
- (c) considers that celebrating the 60th anniversary of Israel's statehood should not be interpreted as endorsement of action that gave rise to such crises or approval of the failure to deliver peace and a separate state for Palestinians, an objective that appears less likely now than at any time in the past 60 years.

*Notice given 19 March 2008*

- 63 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Smith) to seek the abandonment of the death sentence in China.

*Notice given 13 May 2008*

- 68 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the findings of the Court of Appeal in overturning a decision of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which had granted approval to the Romsey Hotel to install gaming machines, stating:  
'... if the approval of gaming at particular premises is likely to cause unhappiness or discontent in that community (or any part or parts of it), that consequence is a "social impact of approval" which will be "detrimental to the well-being of the community". It will be detrimental to well-being

because it diminishes the citizens' sense of happiness with, or contentment in, their community', and

'the fact that the ... Act *allows* gaming to occur in approved premises does not mean that any Victorian community is *obliged* to accept gaming machines';

- (b) recognises that the interests of any community must precede the commercial interests of approved premises and that of governments that derive revenue from the operation of gambling machines; and
- (c) calls on the Government to urge all state and territory governments to recognise the right of local communities, through their councils, to reject applications for poker machine venues in their municipalities.

**69 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) calls on the Government to work with state and territory governments to close the gap between school sectors on access to music education; and
- (b) recognises that:
  - (i) playing music:
    - (A) builds or modifies neural pathways related to spatial reasoning tasks, which are crucial for higher brain functions like complex maths, chess and science,
    - (B) improves concentration, memory and self expression,
    - (C) increases reasoning capacity, time management and the ability to think in the abstract, and
    - (D) improves the ability to think,
  - (ii) learning music helps underperforming students improve, and
  - (iii) music students learn critical teamwork and social skills.

*Notice given 16 June 2008*

**103 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) United Nations (UN) efforts to accomplish the decolonisation process in Western Sahara have not been successful yet,
  - (ii) more than 165 000 Saharawis have been living in refugee camps in the south-west of Algeria for the past 33 years in dire conditions,
  - (iii) the UN Security Council adopted Resolutions 1754 and 1783 (2007) whereby it called on Morocco and the Polisario independence movement to enter into negotiations, in good faith and without preconditions with a view to achieving a peaceful solution that provides a genuine opportunity for the Saharawi people to exercise their right to self-determination,
  - (iv) Polisario has offered a reasonable and genuine proposal for a peaceful solution to the conflict which complies with international legality and was noted in Security Council Resolutions 1754 and 1783,
  - (v) a just, lasting and democratic solution to the question of Western Sahara can be achieved through the organisation of a free and fair referendum to allow the Saharawi people to exercise their right to self-determination, in accordance with the UN resolutions, and

- (vi) a UN failure in Western Sahara would compromise its credibility and lead to instability in north-west Africa;
- (b) calls on both parties in the conflict, Morocco and the Polisario, to cooperate fully with the UN in its efforts to find a speedy and peaceful resolution to the conflict in Western Sahara; and
- (c) urges the Government to make representations to:
  - (i) the UN, urging it to proceed in organising the long overdue referendum of self-determination without further delays, and
  - (ii) the Moroccan Government, asking it to respect human rights in the occupied territories of Western Sahara.

*Notice given 19 June 2008*

**123 Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That—

- (a) the reporting date for the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be amended by omitting ‘report by 30 June 2009’ and substituting ‘report by 10 November 2008’; and
- (b) further consideration of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be an order of the day for 10 November 2008.

*Notice of motion altered on 23 June 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Notice given 23 June 2008*

**126 Senator Bartlett:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights applies to the treatment of Falun Gong practitioners worldwide,
  - (ii) the practise of religion should not form the basis of the incarceration of any individual, and
  - (iii) petitions containing many thousands of signatures have been tabled in the Australian Parliament since 1999 regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China; and
- (b) expresses its support for a cessation of the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China and the release of all practitioners from prisons and labour camps before the start of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

*Notice given 24 June 2008*

**\*132 Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee (Senator Bishop):** To move—That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 26 June 2008, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of reforms to Australia’s military justice system by the Australian Defence Force.

- \*133 **Chair of the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries for inquiry and report by 27 November 2009:

Food production in Australia and the question of how to produce food that is:

- (a) affordable to consumers;
- (b) viable for production by farmers; and
- (c) of sustainable impact on the environment.

*Notice of motion altered on 24 June 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.*

- \*134 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That—

- (a) the Senate notes that:
  - (i) the response from the Minister for Defence, the Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon MP, of 16 June 2008 to a Senate order for production of documents advised that ‘the documents in question are “Restricted” and “Commercial in Confidence” and as such I will not be making them available to the Special Minister of State for tabling in the Senate’, and
  - (ii) the procedural order of continuing effect relating to accountability provides that ‘The Senate...shall not entertain any claim to withhold information...on the grounds that it is commercial-in-confidence, unless the claim is...accompanied by a statement setting out the basis for the claim, including a statement of any commercial harm that may result from the disclosure of the information’; and
- (b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2008, a statement of the commercial harm that will result from the disclosure of the commercial-in-confidence information in the red folder relating to defence procurement projects.

- \*135 **Senator Abetz:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the critical role of the former Howard Government’s Commercial Ready program in fostering innovation, leveraging private sector capital, creating jobs and developing new ideas and medical solutions for Australians;
- (b) condemns:
  - (i) the Rudd Labor Government for its foolish and short-sighted decision to cut this program,
  - (ii) the Rudd Labor Government for pre-empting the outcome of the National Innovation Review, and
  - (iii) the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) for describing the Commercial Ready program as assistance to ‘millionaires’; and
- (c) calls on the Rudd Labor Government to:
  - (i) fund all projects approved between 28 April and 13 May 2008,
  - (ii) compensate individuals and companies who spent money preparing grant applications in good faith, and
  - (iii) at least restore the Commercial Ready program for the 2008-09 financial year.

\*136 **Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy, be established to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on:
    - (i) families,
    - (ii) small business,
    - (iii) rural and regional Australia,
    - (iv) grocery prices, and
    - (v) key industries, including but not limited to tourism and transport;
  - (b) the role and activities of the Petrol Commissioner, including whether the Petrol Commissioner reduces the price of petroleum;
  - (c) the operation of the domestic petroleum, diesel and gas markets, including the fostering of maximum competition and provision of consumer information;
  - (d) the impact of an emissions trading scheme on the fuel and energy industry, including but not limited to:
    - (i) prices,
    - (ii) employment in the fuel and energy industries, and any related adverse impacts on regional centres reliant on these industries,
    - (iii) domestic energy supply, and
    - (iv) future investment in fuel and energy infrastructure;
  - (e) the existing set of state government regulatory powers as they relate to petroleum, diesel and gas products;
  - (f) taxation arrangements on petroleum, diesel and gas products including:
    - (i) Commonwealth excise,
    - (ii) the goods and services tax, and
    - (iii) new state and federal taxes;
  - (g) the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquids, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;
  - (h) the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:
    - (i) the impact of Commonwealth, state and local government regulations on this industry,
    - (ii) increasing domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement activities, with a view to reducing Australia's reliance on imported oil, and
    - (iii) other tax incentives; and
  - (i) the impact of higher petroleum, diesel and gas prices on public transport systems, including the adequacy of public transport infrastructure and record of public transport investment by state governments.
- (2) That the committee report to the Senate from time to time on any related matters, and present its final report by 21 October 2009.

- (3) That the committee consist of 8 members, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of Family First in the Senate and 1 nominated by any minority group or groups or independent senator or independent senators.
- (4)
  - (a) On the nominations of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and minority groups and independent senators, participating members may be appointed to the committee;
  - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
  - (c) a participating member shall (not) be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (6) That the committee elect an Opposition member as its chair.
- (7) That the committee elect a Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (9) That the quorum of the committee be 5 members.
- (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 4 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (11) That 3 members of a subcommittee include a quorum of that subcommittee.
- (12) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and interim recommendations.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (14) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

\*137 **Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network, be established to inquire into and report by 30 March 2009 on:
  - (a) the Government's proposal to partner with the private sector to upgrade parts of the existing network to fibre to provide minimum broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second to 98 per cent of Australians on an open access basis; and
  - (b) the implications of the proposed National Broadband Network (NBN) for consumers in terms of:
    - (i) service availability, choice and costs,
    - (ii) competition in telecommunications and broadband services, and
    - (iii) likely consequences for national productivity, investment, economic growth, cost of living and social capital.
- (2) That the committee's investigation include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) the availability, price, level of innovation and service characteristics of broadband products presently available, the extent to which those services are delivered by established and emerging providers, the likely future improvements in broadband services (including the prospects of private investment in fibre, wireless or other access networks) and the need for this government intervention in the market;
  - (b) the effects on the availability, price, choice, level of innovation and service characteristics of broadband products if the NBN proceeds;
  - (c) the extent of demand for currently available broadband services, what factors influence consumer choice for broadband products and the effect on demand if the Government's fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) proposal proceeds;
  - (d) what technical, economic, commercial, regulatory and social barriers may impede the attainment of the Government's stated goal for broadband availability and performance;
  - (e) the appropriate public policy goals for communications in Australia and the nature of regulatory settings that are needed, if FTTN or fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP), to continue to develop competitive market conditions, improved services, lower prices and innovation given the likely natural monopoly characteristics and longevity of the proposed network architecture;
  - (f) the possible implications for competition, consumer choice, prices, the need for public funding, private investment, national productivity, if the Government does not create appropriate regulatory settings for the NBN;
  - (g) the role of government and its relationship with the private sector and existing private investment in the telecommunications sector;
  - (h) the effect of the NBN proposal on existing property or contractual rights of competitors, supplier and other industry participants and the exposure to claims for compensation;
  - (i) the effect of the proposed NBN on the delivery of Universal Service Obligations services;

- (j) whether, and if so to what extent, the former Government's OPEL initiative would have assisted making higher speed and more affordable broadband services to areas under-served by the private sector; and
  - (k) the cost estimates on which the Government has based its policy settings for a NBN, how those cost estimates were derived, and whether they are robust and comprehensive.
- (3) That, in carrying out this inquiry, the committee will:
- (a) expressly seek the input of the telecommunications industry, industry analysts, consumer advocates, broadband users and service providers;
  - (b) request formal submissions that directly respond to the terms of reference from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Productivity Commission, Infrastructure Australia, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Finance and Deregulation, and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government;
  - (c) invite contributions from organisations and individuals with expertise in:
    - (i) public policy formulation and evaluation,
    - (ii) technical considerations including network architecture, interconnection and emerging technology,
    - (iii) regulatory framework, open access, competition and pricing practice,
    - (iv) private sector telecommunications retail and wholesale business including business case analysis and price and demand sensitivities,
    - (v) contemporary broadband investment, law and finance,
    - (vi) network operation, technical options and functionality of the 'last mile' link to premises, and
    - (vii) relevant and comparative international experiences and insights applicable to the Australian context;
  - (d) advertise for submissions from members of the public and to the fullest extent possible, conduct hearings and receive evidence in a manner that is open and transparent to the public; and
  - (e) recognise the Government's NBN proposal represents a significant public sector intervention into an increasingly important area of private sector activity and that the market is seeking openness, certainty and transparency in the public policy deliberations.
- (4) That the committee consist of 7 senators, 2 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and 1 nominated by minority groups or independents.
- (5)
- (a) On the nominations of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and minority groups and independent senators, participating members may be appointed to the committee;
  - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and



- (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (6) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (7) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (8) That the quorum of the committee be 4 members.
- (9) That the chair of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the deputy chair of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as chair of the committee at any time when there is no chair or the chair is not present, at a meeting of the committee.
- (10) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (11) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine, and that the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members.
- (12) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (14) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

*Notice of motion altered on 24 June 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.*

- \*138 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate requests the Government to explain, by Thursday, 26 June 2008, its opposition to general business notice of motion no. 102 from the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison).

## **Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents**

### **1 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

### **2 National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

### **3 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**4 Central Land Council—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**5 Northern Land Council—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**6 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**7 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**8 Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**9 Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**10 Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 221/07 to 346/07—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 12 February 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**11 Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Financial statements for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**12 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**13 Migration Act 1958—Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

**14 Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

- 15 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 366/08 to 412/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 13 May 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).
- 16 **Estimates of proposed supplementary expenditure for 2007-08—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 17 **Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 18 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Defence portfolio—Correction**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 19 **Which way home? A new approach to homelessness—Green paper by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Housing, dated May 2008**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 20 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio—Corrigendum**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 21 **Department of Education, Science and Training—Australian vocational and technical education system—Report for 2006**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 22 **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967—Review of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority operational activities, dated February–March 2008**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 23 **Equine influenza: The August 2007 outbreak in Australia—Commission of Inquiry—Report by the Honourable Ian Callinan, AC, dated April 2008**  
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- 24 **Snowy Hydro Limited—Report for the period 2 July 2006 to 30 June 2007**  
Consideration (*17 June 2008*).
- 25 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Progress report for 2006-07**  
Consideration (*17 June 2008*).
- 26 **Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2006-07**  
Consideration (*17 June 2008*).
- 27 **Australian Military Court—Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007**  
Consideration (*17 June 2008*).

- 28 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—National Relay Service provider performance—Report for 2006-07**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 29 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2006-07—Statement relating to exemption from reporting requirements**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 30 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 3 June 2008**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 31 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 32 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania—Report—Inquiry on the progress with implementation of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (1997)—Second five yearly review, dated February 2008**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 33 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 44—Safeguards inquiry into the import of pigmeat, dated 31 March 2008—Government response**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 34 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 48: The coercive information-gathering powers of government agencies, dated May 2008**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 35 **Australian Maritime College—Report for 2006-07**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 36 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities New York, 13 December 2006**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 37 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instrument—Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 38 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instruments—Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) and Promotion Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197)**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 39 **Director of Military Prosecutions—Report for the period 12 June 2006 to 31 December 2007**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).

- 40 **Judge Advocate General—Report for 2007**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 41 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 42 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2006-07—Addendum**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 43 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of Australia on Defence Cooperation, done at Abu Dhabi on 23 April 2007**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 44 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 45 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 46 **Australian National University—Report for 2007**  
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 47 **Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula—Reports for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07**  
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 48 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunication reports for 2006-07—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards—Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia**  
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 49 **Attorney-General's Department—Report—Review of sections 47J and 110AA of the Copyright Act 1968—Copyright exceptions for private copying of photographs and film, 2008**  
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 50 **Multilateral treaty—Attachment to explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**  
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- \*51 ***Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Quarterly report on the operation of the Government co-contribution scheme for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008***  
Consideration (24 June 2008).

- \*52 **AusLink—Report for 2006-07**  
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- \*53 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**  
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- \*54 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2008—Eleventh biennial report**  
Consideration (24 June 2008).

### Orders of the Day

- 1 **Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)  
Second reading (restored 13 February 2008).
- 2 **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)  
Second reading (restored 13 February 2008).
- 3 **Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)  
Second reading (restored 13 February 2008).
- 4 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 February 2008*).
- 5 **Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 8 **Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 9 **Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 10 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Nettle*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 11 **Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown and Senators Bishop and Bartlett*)  
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).

- 12 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Murray and Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 13 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 14 **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 15 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 16 **Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 17 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 18 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 19 **National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 20 **Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 21 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 22 **Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 23 **Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 24 **Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 25 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).

- 26 **Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 27 **Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 28 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 29 **Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 30 **Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senators Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 31 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 32 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 33 **Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 34 **Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 35 **Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 36 **Rural and Regional Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
    - (i) the challenges facing Australia’s rural and regional communities, and
    - (ii) that the Government is showing its contempt of rural and regional Australia, including through cuts to rural and regional funding programs; and
  - (b) calls on the Labor Government to continue the strong commitment of the former Coalition Government to rural and regional Australia (*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), in continuation, 14 February 2008*).



- 37 **Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 12 March 2008*).
- 38 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006 [2008]**  
**Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bills*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 39 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 40 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 41 **Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 43 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 44 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 46 **Budget and the economy**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Eggleston—That the Senate—  
(a) notes:  
    (i) the concern of Australians given the impending budget cuts proposed by Labor’s razor gang, and  
    (ii) that Labor is showing with its backflips and ill-conceived proposals that it has no idea how to run our trillion dollar economy; and  
(b) calls on Labor’s razor gang to ensure that no Australian will be worse off when the Budget is delivered in May 2008 (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 13 March 2008*).
- 47 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)  
Second reading (*restored 18 March 2008*).
- 48 **National Commissioner for Children Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 18 March 2008*).

- 49 **A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Improved Access to Baby Bonus) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 51 **Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading (*restored 14 May 2008*).
- 54 **Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Kirk*)  
Second reading (*restored 15 May 2008*).
- 55 **Budget 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate acknowledges that the first Rudd-Gillard Government budget is a high taxing, high spending, old fashioned Labor budget that is not inflation fighting (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 15 May 2008*).
- 56 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bernardi*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).
- 57 **Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 58 **Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Nettle*)  
Second reading (*restored 19 June 2008*).
- 59 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Control of Power Station Emissions) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 60 **Indigenous Australians—The Northern Territory emergency response: One year on—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 61 **Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Troeth and Humphries*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Troeth, in continuation, 23 June 2008*).

\*62 **Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Johnston*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Johnston, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).

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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

### On 31 July 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations.

### On 12 August 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

7 **Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

### Not before 18 August 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008.

2 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

### On the first day in the next period of sittings (26 August 2008)

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008—**  
*(Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans)*  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 June 2008).

### On 26 August 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 15 May 2008*

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2008:
- (a) exemptions for the Exclusive Brethren and its members from Australian laws or administrative decisions;
  - (b) public funding, tax or other arrangements which do or may advantage the Exclusive Brethren over other community organisations;
  - (c) the activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members which threaten or harm families, in particular, the best interests of children;
  - (d) the covert, as against overt, activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members in the political process in Australia; and
  - (e) any related matters.

### Not before 26 August 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**  
 Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008.
- 2 **Economics—Standing Committee**  
 Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, the A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, the A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and the A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008.
- 3 **Economics—Standing Committee**  
 Report to be presented on the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008.

#### Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008—**  
*(Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner)*  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

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**A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008**

**A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

**3 Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**

**Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

**On 27 August 2008**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

**On the first sitting Thursday of August 2008 (28 August 2008)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the lobbying code of conduct.

**On 28 August 2008**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

**45 Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 13 March 2008*).

**On 2 September 2008**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

### General Business—Order of the Day

- 52 **Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

### On 4 September 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on climate change and the Australian agricultural sector.

- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on meat marketing.

### On 16 September 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Order of the Day

- 6 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

### Eleven sitting days after today (17 September 2008)

#### Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 18 June 2008*

- 1 **Senator Barnett:** To move—That item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 355 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed. [F2007L04101]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 222/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L02044]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 3 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 364/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L03843]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 4 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 445/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L04329]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 5 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 450/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L04334]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

- 6 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 356 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed. [F2007L04099]

*Twelve sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2008 (17 September 2008)**

#### **Business of the Senate—Order of the Day**

##### **1 Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2008.

### **On 18 September 2008**

#### **Business of the Senate—Order of the Day**

##### **1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on special disability trusts.

### **Thirteen sitting days after today (22 September 2008)**

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 23 June 2008*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Torres Strait Regional Authority Section 142S Declaration 2008, made under subsection 142S(1) of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*, be disallowed. [F2008L00357]

*Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **Fourteen sitting days after today (23 September 2008)**

#### Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 24 June 2008*

- \*1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Film Certification Advisory Board Rules 2008, made under subsection 376-260(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, be disallowed. [F2008L00350]

*Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **On 25 September 2008**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.

### **Not before 25 September 2008**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2008*).



### **Not before 29 September 2008**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008.

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008**

**National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

### **On 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 and any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements*.

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

### **On 30 September 2008**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

First report to be presented.

### **No later than October 2008**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on Australia's space science and industry sector.

### On 14 October 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Order of the Day

##### 53 **Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

### On 16 October 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

##### 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme.

##### 2 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

##### 3 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia.

### On 11 November 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### \*1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on academic freedom in school and higher education.

### On 27 November 2008

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

##### 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities.

**By the last sitting day of November 2008**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations.

**On 30 March 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Second report to be presented.

**On 30 May 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

\*1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

**Not before June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the 2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

50 **Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

**On 30 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 May 2008*).

### On 30 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**  
Third report to be presented.

### On 30 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**  
Fourth report to be presented.

### On 30 September 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented.

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## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

### **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008**‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*).

### **Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008**

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 14 May 2008; reporting date: not before June 2009*).

### **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 June 2009*).

### **Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]**‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 25 September 2008*).

### **Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**

#### **Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*).

### **Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008**

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date varied 17 June 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*).

**National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008**

**National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 29 September 2008*).

**National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 18 August 2008*).

**Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March 2008; reporting date: 12 August 2008*).

**Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*).

**Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March and 23 June 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2008*).

**Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner*).

**Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008**

**A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008**

**A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008**

**A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*).

**Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008**

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 18 August 2008*).

**Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*).

**Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2008*).

*Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Daily Bills Update at [www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf).*

*‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.*

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## BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

**Government bills****Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008****Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Repeal Bill 2008**

Second reading negatived, 19 March 2008.

**Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008**

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 17 June 2008.

**Private senators' bills****Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [2008]**

Second reading negatived, 20 March 2008.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 17 to 435 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

*Notice given 12 February 2008*

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 13-48)—As at 26 November 2007, with reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many employees are engaged in positions responsible for public affairs, media management, liaison with the media and media monitoring.
- (2) What are the responsibilities of these staff.
- (3) What are the Australian Public Service classifications of these positions.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, what is the current operating budget for these media-related sections within the department or agency.

17 Minister representing the Treasurer

- 29 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 30 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 32 Minister for Human Services
- 33 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 37 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 38 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 45 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 109 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Does the Government stand by its commitment to support a nuclear weapons convention, made on 14 August 2007 by the then Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Robert McClelland in a speech to the United Nations Association.
  - (2) Does the Government still consider the idea of a nuclear weapons convention as ‘responsible and timely’; if so, to what extent and in what manner.
  - (3) Will the Government support moves to implement a nuclear weapons convention in the terms suggested by the Middle Powers Initiative and the updated model nuclear weapons convention, adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly as a discussion document in December 2007.
  - (4) In detail, what is the Government’s response to the updated model nuclear weapons convention, tabled by Malaysia and Costa Rica in the UN General Assembly Plenary in December 2007.
  - (5) Will the Government proceed with the creation of a new Canberra Commission, as promised by the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) prior to the 2007 election; if so, when.
  - (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that a key recommendation of the original Canberra Commission was the lowering of the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems; and (b) how has the Government decided to respond to that recommendation and to recommendation 17 of the final report of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee, chaired by Dr Hans Blix and tabled on 1 June 2006, to the same effect.
  - (7) Does the Government consider the UN resolution ‘Renewed determination toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons’ (the renewed determination) to be an appropriate response.
  - (8) In regard to the more recent resolution L.29 on decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons system, co-sponsored by New Zealand, Chile, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland: (a) in what way does it differ from the renewed determination; (b) why did Japan, a co-sponsor of the renewed determination, vote in favour of L.29; (c) were there any reasons, other than the exigencies of time, for the incoming Government not to have voted in support of resolution L.29 on operating status as Japan, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, and New Zealand did; (d) what is the reaction of the Government to the passage of that text by the UN General Assembly in a vote of 136 to 3; (e) why did the three nations, with whom Australia so frequently votes, vote for this resolution while Australia abstained; (f) why was this abstention maintained in the UN General Assembly Plenary; (g) from which non-government organisations did the Government receive correspondence suggesting that it

ought to change its vote in the Plenary; and (h) is there anything in the text of resolution L.29 that is, or could be interpreted as being, in any way destabilising; if so, what constructive changes might be made to the resolution.

- (9) Will the Government try to advance the issue of nuclear weapons operating status: (a) at the 2008 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee (NPT PrepCom); (b) at the next UN General Assembly First Committee; and/or (c) in its discussions with the United States of America and/or Russia.
- (10) Will the Government consider working together with: (a) New Zealand, Chile, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland at the NPT PrepCom to write a working paper on nuclear weapons operational status; (b) the New Agenda group, both on this issue and more widely on nuclear disarmament issues at the NPT PrepCom; and (c) the New Agenda and the Non-Aligned Movement groups, as well as the western groups and the nuclear weapons states, to promote ongoing progress in nuclear disarmament and strategic stability both via the measures set out in the final report of the Year 2000 NPT review and in the renewed determination, and via a lowering in nuclear weapons operational readiness.
- (11) What further steps will the Government take towards: (a) lowering nuclear weapons operational readiness; and (b) bringing the world closer to the creation and implementation of a nuclear weapons convention, along the lines of the updated model convention submitted to the UN General Assembly Plenary.

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 117-152)—With reference to Senator Minchin's letter to the Minister representing the Prime Minister, dated 1 February 2008, can the following information be provided prior to each round of Estimates and for Additional Estimates by 13 February 2008:

- (1) What appointments have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies and advisory boards within the Minister's portfolio; and (b) for each appointment, what are the respective appointee's credentials.
- (2) How many vacancies remain to be filled by ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.
- (3) What grants have been approved by the Minister from within the Minister's portfolio.
- (4) What requests have been submitted to the Department of Finance and Deregulation to move funds within the Minister's portfolio.

121 Minister representing the Treasurer

124 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

125 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

127 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

136 Minister for Human Services

137 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

141 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

142 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

149 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law



150 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 9 May 2008*)

152 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 9 May 2008*)

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 225-260)—

(1) (a) Since 24 November 2007, what federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia have been cut and/or discontinued in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies; and (b) what savings have been made from these cuts.

(2) (a) What plans does the Government have to cut and/or discontinue federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies in the coming period; and (b) what estimated savings would be made from these cuts.

229 Minister representing the Treasurer

245 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

249 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

250 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

257 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

269 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) What costs would be incurred and what ramifications are there if the administration of the Medicare Levy surcharge was adjusted to ensure that it affects or is calculated for same-sex couples on the same basis as mixed-sex couples.

(2) In view of the Prime Minister's statements in favour of ending discriminatory provisions, does the government intend to address this deficiency.

270 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) With reference to the former Treasurer's statement of 27 June 2007 on the release of the 2006 census information that 'the Census forms the basis for our electoral system, the provision of services and policy to meet the challenges that we face': does this mean that the effects of fly-in and fly-out workers who record their domicile elsewhere, or of transient/tourist numbers, will not be sufficiently taken into account for the provision of services in shires such as Roebourne and Wyndham East Kimberley; if not, how are fly-in fly-out or transient/tourist requirements factored in.

(2) Given that, according to the recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) census figures, in the Kimberley Region, between 2001 and 2006, the population of Broome has risen by only 1.8 per cent, or 1 240 people, and in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, by just 0.4 per cent, or 133 people: (a) why do these figures differ from the shires' views as to significant real population growth; and (b) how were these figures arrived at, given, for instance, that school student numbers, a good indicator of permanency, in the region have risen by more than this amount in absolute terms (e.g. at Kununurra District High School, by at least 13 per cent).

(3) Do census collectors obtain accurate figures from Indigenous communities in the Kimberley; if not, what is the degree of error.

- (4) Has the ABS investigated its figures to determine how such apparent small rises in overall population in the Kimberley can be possible, given the rise in housing demand and construction in these areas since the 2001 census and the overall increase in numbers of children enrolled in the local schools, in some areas, up at least 10 per cent.
- (5) Given that, according to an ABS seminar in Kununurra in 2007, the community was advised that the figures for the 2006 census were collated based on 'place of enumeration' while the method used in the 1996 census and the 2001 census was 'usual place of residence': (a) what impact has this change had on the census outcome; and (b) have Australians still continued to identify their usual place of residence (e.g. Perth) rather than place of enumeration (e.g. Argyle Mine).
- (6) Can the Treasurer confirm that any funding allocations from the Commonwealth, which are aligned to population numbers based on the census, will take into account other factors, such as housing demand and school enrolments in the East Kimberley, when considering funding allocation.

*Notice given 13 February 2008*

- 281 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Are banks with an Australian banking licence permitted to hold data or records on accounts in associated banks or subsidiaries domiciled in known tax havens.
- 283 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) ever place any restrictions, formally or informally, on Mr Murray Nugent or the companies he was involved with, specifically Reward Insurance Ltd and Australian Home Warranty Pty Ltd, on writing licensed builder home warranty insurance (LBHWI) from 1 July 1999 onwards.
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Nugent continued to write LBHWI through Rewards Insurance Ltd after 1 July 1999.
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm that APRA has the power to disqualify an individual from holding roles within the Australian insurance industry; if so, why has APRA never moved to disqualify Mr Nugent from operating in the insurance industry.
  - (4) If Reward Insurance Ltd was under the minimum capital requirements for insurance companies from 2001 onwards, why did not APRA shut the company down.
  - (5) Can an outline be provided of all investigations, recommendations and directions undertaken and instigated into Reward Insurance Ltd since 1999 by: (a) APRA; and (b) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
  - (6) Can the Minister confirm that investigations by APRA and ASIC into Reward Insurance Ltd and Mr Nugent have stalled since May 2005; if so, why.

*Notice given 12 March 2008*

369 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) At any point during the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, in Sydney, were the spouses of the APEC leaders transported by a coach with a parquet floor; if so: (a) where did the coach come from and how was it transported to Sydney; (b) why was it deemed necessary for the leaders' spouses to be transported in this manner; and (c) who made the decision about what level of luxury the leaders' spouses would travel in.
- (2) What were the costs and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transport of the coach to Sydney.
- (3) Can descriptions be provided of the other features of the vehicles that the leaders' spouses travelled in.

*Notice given 7 April 2008*

397 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy on 21 April 2008*)—In regard to formation waters produced from offshore facilities:

- (1) Can detailed information on waste waters (total produced formation waters) discharged into the ocean during 2005 and 2006 from all production platforms around the north west coast of Australia be provided, including: (a) the following Timor Sea producing platforms, feeding Darwin (off the North Kimberley Coast): Puffin, Jabiru, Challis/Cassini, Blacktip (Bonaparte Basin, close to the Kimberley Coast near Berkeley), Bayu Undan, Buffalo and Laminaria East; and (b) the following Pilbara producing platforms: Mutineer, Exeter, Hermes, Lambert, Angel, Cossack, Wanaea, Legendre North, Legendre South, Wandoo, Stag, North Rankin, Perseus, Echo/Yodel, Goodwyn South/Pueblo, John Brookes, East Spar, Woollybutt, Chinook/Scindian, Griffin, Yammaderry, Cowle, Crest, Saladin, Skate, Roller, Novara, Enfield, Vincent, Eskdale, Skybarrow, Campbell, Wonnich, Endymion/Sinbad, Bambra, Linda, Harriet/Gudrun, Lee/Rose, North Alkimos, Agincourt, Gypsy, Monet/Simpson/Tanami, S. Plato, Little Sandy/Pedirka/North Pedirka/Hoover, Victoria and Double Island.
- (2) What is the total volume of waste water discharged per year.
- (3) What is the breakdown and concentration, in milligrams per litre, of heavy metal pollution index (HPI) substances in the formation water.
- (4) What mass of HPI substances, in kilograms per year, was emitted from each platform listed in paragraph (1) during 2005 and 2006.

*Notice given 9 April 2008*

409 **Senator Ellison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) As at 1 March 2008, how many people hold a current 410 visa.
- (2) Has the department undertaken, or received from any other department, an estimate costing of a change to the 410 visa to enable holders to be eligible to take up permanent residency; if so, what is the estimate cost.

*Notice given 16 April 2008*

- 416 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—Since the Australian Labor Party formed Government, has the Minister or the department made any statements or published any material indicating the year in which it is expected that the first commercial-scale power station will be operating with carbon capture and storage; if so: (a) when and where were the statements made or the material published; and (b) what was the year or years indicated.
- 420 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 24 April 2008*)—
- (1) In relation to commitments the Government made in its election policy fact sheet, ‘A national energy efficiency goal’, what work has been undertaken to:
    - (a) ‘accelerate the development and implementation of a nationwide tool for reducing water and energy usage in new homes’;
    - (b) ‘accelerate the roll out of smart meters, and develop and implement national standards for these meters to ensure that compatible technologies are used across Australia’;
    - (c) ‘implement compulsory point-of-sale sustainability scorecards, based on a transparent and nationally consistent protocol for home energy and water efficiency ratings, and work with the housing and real estate industry to encourage point-of-lease scorecards on a voluntary basis’; and
    - (d) ‘establish a new ten-star appliance rating system and Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards to fast track smart efficient technology and work with industry and State and Territory Governments to gradually phase out greenhouse intensive hot water systems’.
  - (2) What key performance indicator will be used to assess whether Australia is ‘on track to being at the forefront of OECD energy efficiency improvement’.

*Notice given 30 April 2008*

- 424 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 14 May 2008*)—Has a decision yet been made to increase the levy on the import and sale of new refrigerant to cope with the increasing volume now required to be reclaimed; if so, what was that decision.

*Notice given 5 May 2008*

- 434 **Senator Ellison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) For each year since 2000, how many people have been found to be working illegally in Australia, and in each case: (a) what was their nationality; and (b) in which state were they found to be working.
  - (2) For each month since July 2007, how many people have been found to be working illegally in Australia, and in each case: (a) what was their nationality; and (b) in which state were they found to be working.

435 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recently-released global report on agriculture (International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development, [www.agassessment.org](http://www.agassessment.org)) which indicates that support for agro-ecological approaches is essential for the world to continue to be able to feed the world and to optimise sustainability and productivity.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the 2007 report of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization which concluded that systems-based agro-ecological approaches could improve ecological sustainability, increase farming productivity, minimise fertiliser costs and increase resilience of the agriculture sector to the environmental impacts of climate change.
- (3) What action, if any, will the Government take in response to these reports.
- (4) Will the innovation review address the question of agro-ecological innovation in Australia; if so, how.
- (5) What were the reasons for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) rejecting funding support for two bids for an organic cooperative research centre.
- (6) (a) What level and proportion of departmental appropriation revenue is allocated to agricultural research; (b) what level and proportion of this revenue is spent on farm-based research; and (c) of the departmental budget for farm-based research, what proportion is from external funding.
- (7) (a) What level and proportion of CSIRO appropriation revenue is allocated to agricultural research; (b) what level and proportion of this revenue is spent on farm-based research; (c) of the CSIRO budget for farm-based research, what proportion is from external funding; (d) what level and proportion of the CSIRO Plant Industry's appropriation revenue is spent on farm-based research; and (e) to what research is the remaining revenue allocated.
- (8) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to studying agro-ecological systems (please provide both figures).
- (9) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to comparing different farm management practices and their impact on the ecology (please provide both figures).
- (10) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to long-term trials, comparing the impact of organic, biological and conventional farming systems on various indicators of sustainability (please provide both figures).
- (11) What are the changes in budget allocation and expenditure for the areas of research referred to in paragraphs (8) to (10) over the past decade (please provide figures).
- (12) What proportion of CSIRO's collaborations with research and development (R&D) organisations include research areas referred to in paragraphs (8) to (10) (please provide figures).
- (13) What plans are there to carry out long-term comparative field trials that identify how different farming practices, including organic, biological and conventional approaches, impact on the ecology that underpins sustainable farming.

- (14) With reference to the statement by Mr TJ Higgins of the CSIRO on the Special Broadcasting Service's *Insight* program on 22 April 2008 that CSIRO spends 2 per cent of its total research budget on genetically-modified (GM) related research and less than a tenth of this comes from multinational companies: (a) what is the total research budget for GM-related research; (b) what percentage of CSIRO's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on GM-related research; (c) how is the rest allocated; (d) how is GM-related research defined; and (e) does the total research budget include money from research and development corporations or is it appropriation revenue.
- (15) (a) What percentage of CSIRO's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on laboratory-based biotechnologies; and (b) how is the rest allocated.
- (16) Is it the case that CSIRO's agriculture research is increasing laboratory-based work and decreasing on-farm research.
- (17) Does the Minister consider on-farm research to have been neglected by the previous government, leaving the CSIRO without agro-ecological research insights and putting the ongoing sustainability of Australian agriculture at risk.
- (18) What percentage of CSIRO Plant Industry's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on laboratory-based biotechnologies; and (b) how is the rest allocated.
- (19) What arrangements and plans, if any, does the Government and/or CSIRO have for intellectual property agreements and alliances with global agribusiness which control the path to market for agriculture-based products.
- (20) (a) What formal and informal arrangements does CSIRO currently have with global agribusiness that facilitates research in the area of biotechnology; and (b) can a list of these organisations and the arrangements be provided.
- (21) What proportion of the Government's \$130 million initiative to help farmers adapt to climate change (Australia's Farming Future Initiative) will be allocated to an examination of the possible contribution of organic and biological approaches to agriculture.

*Notice given 28 May 2008*

439 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) Where is the carbon content of harvested logs reported, other than the portion estimated to be added to the durable wood products carbon store under the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry category in Australia's: (a) Kyoto accounts; and (b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change accounts.
- (2) Where will the carbon content of biomass feedstocks (e.g. pulp) and biomass energy from non-annual crops be reported under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System (NGERS).
- (3) Where will the on-site emissions from logging be reported under NGERS (i.e. the upstream emissions of carbon dioxide which result from logging, excluding the carbon in the logs themselves).

- (4) Under NGRS, which entity or entities will have responsibility for reporting and abating logging emissions including on-site emissions (from above-ground biomass, below-ground biomass and soil carbon) and emissions from the logs removed from the site, for example, will it be: (a) the land managers (public forestry agencies and private landowners); (b) the logging companies; (c) the processing companies; and/or (d) some other entity.

*Notice given 29 May 2008*

- 440 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—For each of the years from 2000 to 2006, for which data is available, can the following be provided in respect of Tintern Anglican Girls' Grammar School in Ringwood East, Victoria and the associated Southwood Boys' Grammar School:
- (a) the number of: (i) female primary enrolments, (ii) female secondary enrolments, (iii) male primary enrolments, and (iv) male secondary enrolments;
  - (b) per capita funding in respect of: (i) female primary enrolments, (ii) female secondary enrolments, (iii) male primary enrolments, and (iv) male secondary enrolments;
  - (c) the number of students who were below the national benchmark for literacy or numeracy and therefore attracted federal funding to the schools under the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program for: (i) female primary students, (ii) female secondary students, (iii) male primary students, and (iv) male secondary students; and
  - (d) total funding to the schools under the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program for students who were below the national benchmark for literacy or numeracy, in respect of: (i) female primary students, (ii) female secondary students, (iii) male primary students, and (iv) male secondary students.

*Notice given 30 May 2008*

- Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 441-476)—Since 1 July 2006: (a) has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged: (i) CMAX Communications, (ii) Maximum Communications, (iii) Mr Christian Taubenschlag, (iv) Ms Tara Taubenschlag, or (v) any company operated by Mr Christian Taubenschlag or Ms Tara Taubenschlag; and (b) if so, in each case: (i) when was the engagement, (ii) what was the nature of the engagement, (iii) what was the value of the engagement, (iv) what was the term of the engagement, (v) was the engagement entered into after a competitive process; if not, why not, and (vi) did the Minister or any of his/her staff have a role in recommending this engagement.
- 441 Minister representing the Prime Minister  
442 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
443 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion  
444 Minister representing the Minister for Education  
445 Minister representing the Treasurer  
446 Minister for Climate Change and Water  
447 Minister representing the Minister for Trade  
448 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

- 449 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 450 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 451 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 452 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 453 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 454 Special Minister of State
- 455 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 456 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 457 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 458 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 459 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 460 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 461 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 462 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 463 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 464 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 465 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 466 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 467 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 468 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 469 Minister for Human Services
- 470 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2008*)
- 471 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 3 June 2008*)
- 472 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 473 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 474 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 2 June 2008*)
- 475 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2008*)
- 476 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 June 2008*)

*Notice given 3 June 2008*

- 477 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 272 (Senate *Hansard*, 13 May 2008, p. 127) regarding the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:
  - (1) What is the Minister's definition of 'deforestation'.



- (2) (a) On what date was Weld River coupe WR15F fire bombed for a 'regeneration burn'; and (b) by whom.
- (3) Was the burn contained within the planned boundaries.
- (4) With what was coupe WR15F regenerated.
- (5) (a) What is the current status of the wildlife that was in coupe WR15F before the logging; (b) where did the wildlife go; and (c) what happened to the resident wildlife already in those destinations.

478 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 272 (Senate *Hansard*, 13 May 2008, p. 127) regarding the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:

- (1) Has the Minister flown over or visited the area; if not, why not.
- (2) Is the 100 metre buffer adequate to protect the World Heritage Area values from logging, chemical application and fire bombing of coupe WR15F and nearby coupes.
- (3) What impact has road construction, logging and burning in coupe WR15F had on wilderness values in the adjacent World Heritage Area.

*Notice given 4 June 2008*

479 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the appointment of Ms Linda Hornsey as Project Director of the 2020 Summit:

- (1) (a) Who notified Ms Hornsey of the Project Director vacancy and when did this occur; or (b) when did Ms Hornsey approach the department to express an interest in being involved.
- (2) Who else was advised about the vacancy.
- (3) Why was the position not advertised.
- (4) (a) Who determined the salary level; and (b) was it negotiated with the applicant.
- (5) (a) Did the position go to tender; if not why not; and (b) how many people made the short list.
- (6) Who made the decision to appoint Ms Hornsey as Project Director.
- (7) What were the selection criteria that Ms Hornsey met as the successful applicant.
- (8) What references or evaluations were cited as to Ms Hornsey's effectiveness or fairness in the Tasmania Together process.
- (9) What inquiries were made as to whether or not Ms Hornsey discriminated against anyone in the selection process for participants in the Search Conference which lead to the Tasmania Together process; if no inquiries were made, why not.
- (10) Was the Prime Minister's office aware, at the time that Ms Hornsey was appointed to oversee the 2020 Summit, that she had represented Tasmanian Premiers Jim Bacon and Paul Lennon on the Governor-General's Awards Committee for almost a decade, during which time no Tasmanian environmentalist who took a view contrary to those of the Bacon and Lennon governments were recognised under any award; if so, why was Ms Hornsey appointed; if not, why was Ms Hornsey's service to the

Tasmanian governments not taken into account in assessing her suitability for the position.

- (11) When did the Prime Minister's office become aware of the scandal in Tasmania involving Ms Hornsey's alleged interference in the appointment of a magistrate in Tasmania.
- (12) Did Ms Hornsey have oversight as to who was excluded from those nominated to attend the 2020 Summit.
- (13) What criteria were used to reject nominated individuals.
- (14) What guarantee do the public have that political opponents, or those with a different view from the Rudd Government, were not discriminated against during the selection process for the 2020 Summit participants.

*Notice given 13 June 2008*

480 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Marriage Celebrant Program:

- (1) Since its commencement in 1996, to what extent have the reforms that were put in place following the review of celebrancy delivered: (a) raised standards of services provided by marriage celebrants appointed under the program; (b) a broadening and enhancement of the role of celebrants by including the provision of information on pre-marriage and other relationship services; and (c) a more important role for celebrants in developing longer-lasting family relationships and therefore stronger communities.
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) colleges accredited by state and territory governments employ suitably qualified trainers for the purposes of training celebrants.
- (3) Are state and territory government accreditation agencies required to report on the qualifications of their trainers; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the Government require that state and territory governments audit RTOs and TAFE college celebrancy training courses; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Government aware of any circumstances where non-celebrants are teaching people to be celebrants; if so, how many do not have celebrancy qualifications and is this acceptable under the Marriage Celebrants Program.
- (6) How many persons have been appointed to deliver compulsory ongoing professional development in celebrancy since the commencement of the requirement for same.
- (7) On what basis are appointments made for ongoing professional development trainers.
- (8) (a) What is the level of training required for qualification as ongoing professional development trainers; and (b) what is the cost of such training.
- (9) (a) How many celebrants are 2 years or more overdue with their compulsory ongoing professional development; and (b) what is being done about this.
- (10) Is there a shortage of ongoing professional development trainers; if so, will more be trained and when.

- (11) (a) Why have the ongoing professional development requirements been changed each year for the past 5 years; and (b) how many training organisations have withdrawn from this training because of these changing requirements.
- (12) Is it the case that there is a shortage of celebrancy trainers; if so, what is being done to provide training for more trainers.
- (13) Is the Government satisfied that RTO and TAFE college courses are of a sufficiently high standard; if so, how is this judged by the Minister.
- (14) What is the minimum number of hours of training for a celebrant.
- (15) Is the Government satisfied that training courses cover not just the *Marriage Act 1961*, but also the skills required to perform ceremonies for couples that are a meaningful alternative to Registry Office and mainstream church weddings.
- (16) Do accreditation agencies and assessors apply a 'fit and proper' person criteria to ensure that persons who seek to become celebrants have adequate communication skills, can conduct dignified celebrations, are reasonably well dressed, are professional and are aware of modern technology and communication media; if not, why not.
- (17) Will the minimum standard for celebrants be raised to a full Certificate IV in Celebrancy; if so, when.
- (18) Has the Government yet established an advisory group with practising celebrants to ensure optimal advice and thus optimal policies and programs for celebrants; if not, why not.
- (19) Why is it that the rules and policies applicable to civil celebrants do not also apply to other celebrants such as the clergy.
- (20) How many complaints have been made to the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages concerning celebrants and trainers who breach the pecuniary interest criteria and what is the outcome of such complaints, including those from the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants.
- (21) Will the planned new training via Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) allow for any questioning or clarification by the Attorney-General's staff.
- (22) How many civil celebrants are there in Australia.
- (23) How many additional civil celebrants will be registered by the end of September 2008.

*Notice given 16 June 2008*

481 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to Tasmania's Understorey Network:

- (1) Why has the organisation been defunded.
- (2) Does the organisation have three part-time dedicated staff.
- (3) Is the organisation's membership increasing.
- (4) Does the organisation produce more than 20 000 seedlings and 5 000 cuttings each year for revegetation.
- (5) Are more than 80 people helping with the growing of plants.
- (6) Was an evaluation of the Understorey Network's success in environmental repair done before decisions were made about its funding for the 2008-09 financial year.

482 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Can copies be provided of all the presentation materials for European audiences, in each language, as used by Mr Tony Bartlett of the department's Forest Industries Branch.
- (2) (a) When did the Minister authorise this material and its presentation; and  
(b) why.

483 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 411: Can the Minister provide a printed copy of all the mobile news bulletins that were broadcast during the evening of 24 November 2007.

*Notice given 17 June 2008*

484 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—With reference to the \$35 million Toyota grant which was announced on 10 June 2008:

- (1) Where is the grant listed in the 2008-09 Budget papers.
- (2) Is the grant drawn from the Government's \$500 million Green Car Innovation Fund; if so, from which year of the fund has the \$35 million been rephased.

485 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the \$35 million Toyota grant which was announced on 10 June 2008:

- (1) When did the Government formally decide to provide the grant.
- (2) Which government departments were consulted in the decision-making process.
- (3) When was Toyota formally advised of the Government's intention to provide them with this grant.
- (4) On what date will Toyota receive the \$35 million.
- (5) In detail, what communications did the Minister, his staff, or members of his department have with Toyota between the time of the announcement of the grant in Japan on 10 June 2008 and the time Toyota issued their press statement on 11 June 2008.

486 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the \$35 million Toyota grant which was announced on 10 June 2008: In detail, what communications did the Prime Minister, his staff, or members of his department have with Toyota between the time of the announcement of the grant in Japan on 10 June 2008 and the time Toyota issued their press statement on 11 June 2008.

487 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—In December 2005 the Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG) disease was found in a land-based abalone farm in Victoria, by May 2006 the virus had escaped into the wild surrounding Port Ferry in western Victoria and has since spread eastwards approximately 240 km along the coast towards Melbourne with up to 90 per cent mortality of wild abalone stocks: Has the Minister taken any action to protect the Australian abalone industry from the threat from AVG; if not, why not.

- 488 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Noting the Government’s commitment to a National Weeds and Productivity Research Program and a National Cane Toad Plan and innovation fund: Can details be provided of all other programs which are directed towards pest and or weed management, including their time frames and funding.
- 489 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
- (1) What specific projects is the Government funding in Indonesia under the Global Initiative on Forests and Climate (GIFC).
  - (2) In what way does the Government see itself as being involved in a ‘private carbon market’ under the GIFC.
  - (3) Will Australia and Indonesia seek to have the private carbon market approved by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; if so, what does the Government anticipate will need to be changed in the Kyoto Protocol for such a private carbon market to be approved in the post-2012 commitment period.
  - (4) Does this private carbon market include a link to the Australian emissions trading scheme; if so, what proportion of Australia’s emissions is the Government considering offsetting on the protected or restored Indonesian forest and peat land.
- 490 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the proposed Huon Valley Regional Water Scheme (HVRWS):
- (1) Have flow volumes in times of minimum flow in the Huon River been measured to ensure that there is sufficient water to support the HVRWS.
  - (2) Have measurements of contaminants released into the Huon River from all sources including forestry, agriculture (including orchards), aquaculture (including fish hatcheries on Russell and Little Denison Rivers) and septic systems been measured by the Department of Primary Industries and Water and reported for waters above the intake for the proposed HVRWS; if so, over what period were these measurements made.
  - (3) What planning has been done in relation to climate change in the context of the HVRWS, given that rainfall (especially in the autumn) has fallen significantly over the past 40 years.
  - (4) How many easements, land acquisitions, boundary adjustments etc, will be required to implement the complete HVRWS.
  - (5) How long is the process for the above planning requirements expected to take.
  - (6) Does the HVRWS project depend on the acquisition of privately-owned land.
  - (7) What are the calculated ongoing operating costs of running the HVRWS in terms of maintenance and power.
  - (8) What processes have been put in place for providing water to all residents in the event of a major power failure which prevents water from being pumped from the Huon River.
  - (9) What other options, such as an upgrade of the Cygnet Water Scheme, installation of domestic water tanks, education on water conservation or dams to supply untreated water, were investigated.

- (10) Given that residents of the Cygnet municipality have a water consumption 3 times the national average (the national average equals 250 kilolitres per annum per household, while Cygnet residents use 769 kilolitres per annum per household), what education programs to encourage conservative water use are proposed to accompany the scheme.
- (11) What are the costs that the Huon Valley Council (HVC) will have to pay in the 2008-09 financial year for interest on the proposed loan of \$6 million to match the Government funding of \$12 million.
- (12) What provisions have been agreed with the Southern Tasmanian Regional Water Entity (STRWE) for taking over the project and continuing to fund it into the future.
- (13) What provisions have been made in the event of an increase in construction costs since the initial proposal for a regional water scheme was estimated at \$17 million in 2002, and would this increase be borne by the STRWE or by the HVC.
- (14) What are the ongoing costs agreed to by the STRWE.

**Senator Milne:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 491-492)—Given that illegal and unsustainable timber harvesting is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions in developing tropical countries such as Papua New Guinea and Indonesia and that the Prime Minister made a pre-election promise to ‘restrict’ the importation of illegal timber:

- (1) How and when does the Government intend to honour this commitment.
- (2) Is the department involved in an inter-departmental committee on illegal timber; if so: (a) who are the members; and (b) who is the chair or lead agency on illegal timber issues.

491 Minister representing the Attorney-General

492 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

493 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) In what way would trade restrictions on illegal timber imports breach World Trade Organization (WTO) articles and conventions.
- (2) How does the Government intend to avoid breaching WTO articles and conventions when it moves to restrict illegal timber imports.

494 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) What is the Minister’s long-term intention (for example, to roll over the lease till 2010) regarding the quarantine facility at Eastern Creek.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the New South Wales Government has offered to house the bee quarantine facility at its biosecurity centre at the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute.
- (3) Is it the case that the facility, since it has been sold, has on sold on numerous occasions for substantial profits to property developers.

495 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) Why has additional funding of \$800 000 for the ‘Esperance Coast Road Upgrade Project’ been allocated by the Government in the 2008-09 Budget, given that the Government had already provided funding for the upgrade

and resurfacing of the Esperance Coast Road from Surges Bay to the junction with Kent Beach Road at Point Esperance in 2007.

- (2) What is the contract for this new funding of \$800 000, and which sections of the road is it to be spent on.
- (3) (a) Has all the previous funding for the Esperance Coast Road from Surges Bay to the junction with Kent Beach Road at Point Esperance been acquitted; and (b) why is the amount of \$2 429 049.42 remaining in the Huon Valley Council's allocation to this project as at 31 May 2008 not sufficient for the balance of the upgrade.

496 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the Papua New Guinea - Australia - Forest Carbon Partnership (FCP):

- (1) In what way will Australia 'provide scientific, technical and analytical support to inform Papua New Guinea's development of its own national carbon accounting system', in particular, is the intent to assist the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Government in developing its own National Carbon Accounting System, which they will operate independently, or does the department expect that Australia will provide ongoing analytical support.
- (2) (a) What proportion of the \$200 million Government Initiative of Climate Change and Forests (GIFC) has now been fully allocated and on which programs; and (b) what proportion of these monies have actually been spent.
- (3) In 2007, the Government announced that it would be entering into a tropical forests/climate change partnership with BHP Billiton and the Indonesian Government to protect forests and peat lands in central Kalimantan: what is the status of this initiative and what funds did each of the partners agree to contribute.
- (4) (a) Does the Government intend to further build on the current GIFC program; and (b) what pilot programs is it intending to initiate in Indonesia (and in the region) in the coming 12 months to protect tropical forests and reduce carbon emissions.
- (5) What specific types of clean development system projects does the Australian Government envisage being involved with under the FCP.
- (6) In what way does the Government see itself being involved in a 'private carbon market' under the FCP.
- (7) Will Australia and PNG seek to have the 'private carbon market' approved by the United Framework Convention on Climate Change; if so, what does the Government anticipate will need to be changed in the Kyoto Protocol for such a 'private carbon market' to be approved in the post-2012 commitment period.
- (8) Does this private carbon market include a link to the Australian ETS; if so, what proportion of Australia's emissions is the Government considering offsetting on PNG forest protection.
- (9) What advice from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has the department taken in relation to the forest governance issues in PNG and how they may affect the implementation of the FCP.

497 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) Is the department involved in an interdepartmental committee on illegal timber harvesting; is so: (a) who are the members; and (b) who is the chair/lead agency on illegal timber issues.
- (2) At the Budget, the Government announced \$1 million to implement this policy: (a) how and when does the Government intend to honour this commitment; (b) what will the funding be allocated towards; and (c) when will the Government be tabling legislation to restrict illegal timber imports.
- (3) Given the long-standing issues surrounding illegal and unsustainable timber and concerns about governance in the forestry sector in Papua New Guinea (PNG), how is the department engaged in the development of the PNG - Australia Forest Carbon Partnership (FCP).
- (4) Are they members of an inter-departmental team.
- (5) What advice has the department provided to the inter-departmental team working on the PNG-Australia FCP regarding the issues of illegal and unsustainable timber and poor forest governance that may affect the implementation of FCP.
- (6) How are these issues being incorporated into the development of the FCP.

498 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

- (1) At 24 November 2007, how many applications had been received in each category of Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (TCFA) grants, approved or in progress.
- (2) (a) Who were the members of the advisory committee; (b) who represented the: (i) Tasmanian Government, and (ii) the Federal Government; (c) who was the independent member of the committee; and (d) who was the chair: (i) from inception until 24 November 2007, and (ii) since 24 November 2007.
- (3) Did the membership of the advisory committee change between 2005 and 24 November 2007; if so, what are the details of the membership changes.
- (4) Did the membership change after the 2007 Federal election; if so, who has been on the advisory committee since 24 November 2007.
- (5) Were the three independent positions on the committee advertised; if not, how were the members chosen.
- (6) Who selected the three independent members.
- (7) Who was appointed as the Independent Assessor.
- (8) What selection process was undertaken to choose the Independent Assessor.
- (9) Who chose and appointed the Independent Assessor.
- (10) (a) What criteria was used in choosing the Independent Assessor; (b) why was the department's 'Chief Executive Instruction on Procurement', including the department's 'Risk Assessment in Procurement Processes', not implemented; (c) who decided not to implement it; and (d) was the Minister informed of the decision not to implement it; if not, why not; if so, which Minister was informed and by whom.



- (11) What payments were made to the Independent Assessor: (a) until 24 November 2007; and (b) after 24 November 2007.
- (12) (a) What oversight did the Tasmanian Government or the Australian Government have over the recruitment or appointment of the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor; and (b) why did the department not formalise a consultancy agreement with the Independent Assessor and the sub-contractor.
- (13) Why did the Cabinet Implementation Unit (CIU) of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet decide to no longer include the three TCFA programs in the CIU quarterly reports past September 2005.
- (14) Why were the potential conflicts of members of the advisory committee, the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor not identified as a risk by the department as part of the program implementing planning process.
- (15) (a) Why did the department not require the advisory committee to adhere to the 'Better Practice Guide for Advisory Committees' by requesting members, prior to their joining the advisory committee, to sign a declaration of interests advising the committee of conflicts of interest; (b) who made the decision not to implement the guidelines; and (c) were either of the Ministers informed of this decision.
- (16) Why did the department, as the secretariat, not record the minutes of two of the three teleconferences held by the advisory committee.
- (17) Did the Independent Assessor have business interests, or direct or indirect involvement in the Tasmanian forest industry; and (b) was this identified as a risk to the grants scheme; if not, why not.
- (18) Between 2005 and 24 November 2007 who were the members of the secretariat of the department: (a) responsible for chairing meetings of the advisory committee; (b) preparing and administering funding agreements; (c) the payment of grants; and (d) other administrative functions related to the programs.
- (19) Why did the department not report against all the outcome indicators in its 2006-07 report.
- (20) Why did the department not identify: (a) the number of jobs maintained; (b) the amount of new investment for the programs; and/or (c) assistance given within the agreed terms of reference.
- (21) (a) How many companies were assessed; (b) how many jobs were likely to be created; (c) how many jobs were maintained; (d) what was the amount of new investment for the program; and (e) was assistance given with agreed time frames.
- (22) (a) Which three applications for grants were refused but, following re-assessment by the Independent Assessor hearing of the applicant's appeals, were then approved for funding; and (b) what funding was granted.
- (23) Was either the Tasmanian Minister or the Federal Minister informed that the advisory committee had decided to not adhere to the eligibility criteria; and/or to not adopt a method or scale of rating applications; if so, when was the Minister informed; if not, who decided to not inform the Ministers.
- (24) (a) Why was the 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management', requiring that a systematic assessment process be established in advance, ignored by the department; and (b) who signed off on this bypass of proper process.

- (25) Until 24 November 2007, exactly what did the preliminary assessment conducted by the department secretariat assess; and (b) did the department's preliminary assessment commit funding in any cases; if so, which cases.
- (26) Will the Government produce implementation updates on the TCFA; if so, when.
- (27) Why did the performance reviews for September 2006, December 2006 and January 2007 provided to the department's executive by its Fisheries and Forestry Division not report progress against the outcome performance indicators in the project plan at Portfolio Budget Statements.
- (28) Will the department report on the number of jobs maintained, given that all proposals require applicants to provide employment details at the time of the application, and expected employment when the project is completed.
- (29) (a) Does the department validate the employment details provided by successful grant applicants; if not, why not; and (b) will the department institute this procedure via the recipients' payroll data.
- (30) (a) Why did the department agree to vary the guidelines for the TCFA grants from other forest-related industry proposal guidelines; (b) in particular, what is the reason detailed financial information on other sources of government funding was excluded; and (c) who requested the variation and what was the rationale provided.
- (31) Who has taken responsibility for advising the Minister or the Government when the department did not adhere to its 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management' in relation to good eligibility criteria and method and scale of rating applications.
- (32) (a) Which nine grant applications had no departmental preliminary assessment; (b) were any or all of these grant applications assessed by the Independent Assessor or sub-contractor; if so, which ones; (c) were any or all of these grant applications not assessed by any other body except the advisory committee; and (d) were any or all of these the subject of a declared conflict of interest at any level; if so, what.
- (33) Did the chair of the advisory committee document what she or he believed the 'intent' of the programs was since the criteria had been ignored; if not, why not.
- (34) Which grant application for \$49 950 had only a Department of Economic Development (DED) assessment.
- (35) (a) Which six grant applications under \$50 000 had no documented assessment covering financial viability on technical or operational viability; (b) were they approved; (c) what advice did the department provide to the Ministers as to whether or not they should be approved and on what basis; and (d) who takes responsibility for this advice.
- (36) (a) Why did the advisory committee decide not to continue with a probity advisor after only one meeting with a probity advisor present; (b) did the department inform either the Tasmanian Government or Federal Government that the advisory committee had dispensed with the services of a probity advisor; if not, why not.

- (37) (a) How many, and which, DED staff provide extensive support to applicants through the secretariat of the advisory committee; and (b) who invited, or agreed to, the DED having such a role when this role was not identified or formalised in the memorandum of understanding on exchange of letters between the state and Commonwealth governments.
- (38) Was any assessment conducted of any conflicts of interest of these DED officers, since they undertook assessment of some applications.
- (39) Which individuals or companies were recipients of: (a) Tasmanian Country Sawmills Association Programme (TCSAP) 2, worth \$102 585; and (b) Tasmanian Softwood Development Programme (TSIDP) 23(a), worth \$68 312.
- (40) Following the December 2005 advisory committee meeting, the DED was asked to assist with 16 business cases for the TCSAP, 15 business cases for the Tasmanian Forest Industry Development Programme (TFIDF) and 6 visits: (a) which grant applications was this assistance requested for; and (b) who conducted the site visits for the DED.
- (41) What criteria did the advisory committee use to decide which applications would be reviewed by the Independent Assessor.
- (42) What advice did the department or the Federal Government representative on the advisory committee provide to the committee about the need for criteria on thresholds to determine which applications would be subjected to review by the Independent Assessor.
- (43) Did the department or any section of the Tasmanian or Federal governments inform either Minister that that the advisory committee had no criteria for referring applications to the Independent Assessor; if so: (i) who, and (ii) when; if not, why not.
- (44) (a) Which 10 applications over \$50 000 were approved without an independent assessment; (b) who were the applicants receiving \$68 312 and \$102 585 who were only assessed by the DED; and (c) which eight applications were sent to the assessors with the scope of assessment restricted by the advisory committee.
- (45) (a) Were the decisions of the advisory committee made by consensus or majority; and (b) were votes recorded; if so, can these records be provided.

499 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) (a) Can the Minister confirm that the current estimate of emissions from native vegetation clearing in 2005 is 74.1 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-ea; and (b) is this a net figure where emissions from clearing are partially offset by regrowth on previously cleared land; if so, what were the actual emissions from clearing and what was the actual quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered by regrowth in 2005.
- (2) Why are the emissions from clearing native vegetation not allocated to either sector in the consultation papers 'Options for coverage of agriculture' and 'Coverage of forestry'.  
([www.greenhouse.gov.au/emissionstrading/consultation.html](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/emissionstrading/consultation.html))
- (3) What options are under consideration for allocating emission liabilities from clearing native vegetation and crediting CO<sub>2</sub> uptake through regrowth in an emissions trading scheme.
- (4) What measures other than emissions trading are under consideration to eliminate emissions from native vegetation clearing.

- (5) In regards to emissions from 'Forest Land remaining Forest Land' (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change accounting) can a breakdown be provided of emissions of each subsector for each year since 1990, by each state.

500 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the Land-based Sector Consultative group ([www.greenhouse.gov.au/emissionstrading/consultation.html](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/emissionstrading/consultation.html)):

- (1) Who are the members of the group, including their names, and what is their organisation affiliation and expertise.
- (2) Do the members of the group represent organisations or are they appointed because of their expertise.
- (3) What are the group's terms of reference and role.
- (4) Can a copy of the minutes of the group's meeting on 19 May 2008 and documents tabled at that meeting, other than those on the web page, be provided.
- (5) Why is 'forestry' defined as a sector rather than 'land use, land-use change and forestry'.
- (6) What is the precise definition of the 'forestry' sector for the purposes of emissions trading and other proposed mitigation measures.
- (7) What consultation has been organised or is proposed for land uses other than agriculture and forestry with particular reference to those relating to the protection, management and restoration of native vegetation for conservation, cultural and amenity purposes (all of which are 'anthropogenic' under the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change rules).

501 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—

- (1) Does the current Labor Government's Uranium Industry Framework (UIF) differ in structure and function from that under the previous Government; if so, can an outline be provided of any differences and any changes to the terms of reference.
- (2) (a) What is the UIF panel membership; and (b) does it differ to that under the previous Government.
- (3) Is the UIF working directly with the Department of Environment, Water Heritage and the Arts and/or expert independent environmental scientists to ensure environmental protection measures are considered in all decision-making.
- (4) With reference to a paper dated 20 March 2006, circulated within the Australian Labor Party and to unions, in which Mr Martin Ferguson stated 'Australia has the opportunity to lead the world as a responsible supplier of uranium for peaceful purposes', by among other things 'stewarding uranium from cradle to grave': (a) is the Government proposing to steward uranium from cradle to grave; and (b) does this mean Australia is going to accept nuclear waste produced in overseas nuclear power reactors which use uranium originally sourced from Australian uranium.

- 502 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In response to questions from Senator Milne on 29 May 2008 during an estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, Mr Carruthers said ‘Under the international guidelines for national inventory reporting produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, biomass waste is treated as a zero emission. The emission is calculated to have occurred back in the forest’:
- (1) Does Australia follow the international guidelines for national inventory reporting of forestry operations; if not, why not.
  - (2) What was the carbon content of logs harvested in 2005 and 2006 from: (a) native forests; (b) hardwood plantations; and (c) softwood plantations.
  - (3) Where in Australia’s national inventory report is the carbon in (2) reported.
- 503 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to the Esperance Coast Road Upgrade:
- (1) Has the Government allocated money from the Roads to Recovery Scheme for the upgrade.
  - (2) In relation to the Auslinks Strategic Regional Programme, on what basis was the funding allocated for this project.
  - (3) Was the Government aware that the traffic count for the Esperance Coast Road was 185 vehicles per day.
  - (4) How many development applications for boundary adjustments were required.
  - (5) Were all the required planning processes carried out by the Huon Valley Council (HVC) prior to commencement of work.
  - (6) Were reports on the planning process sent to the Government as part of the acquittal process.
  - (7) What was the number of land acquisitions, including Crown Land, required for the construction of the Esperance Coast Road.
  - (8) Given expenditure on the project to 30 April 2008 by HVC was \$2 416 742.20, with total funds available of \$3 437 933.89, including \$400 000 from 2007-08 federal assistance grants: was federal funding for the project \$3 200 000 or \$2 800 000.
  - (9) Was a report submitted to the Government by the HVC outlining how the project up to Surveyors Bay was completed within budget through the daily hire of plants from local contractors and HVC staff.

*Notice given 20 June 2008*

- 504 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—In regard to the statement on page xxxvi of the Executive Overview of the report of the Independent Committee of Inquiry into National Competition Policy (The Hilmer report) where it is stated that, in addition to ‘its own Secretariat of perhaps 20 persons, in many cases it would be appropriate for [the Council] to contract out analytical work to other bodies, such as the Industry Commission’: Was that recommendation implemented; if so, how much of a role did the Industry Commission and its successor the Productivity Commission play in the decisions and recommendations of the National Competition Council.

505 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement grants scheme, which is comprised of three grant programs – the Forest Industry Development Program, the Country Sawmillers Assistance Program and the Softwood Industry Development Program: As of 31 May 2008:

- (1) What funding in each of the three grant categories had been allocated.
- (2) How much money had been paid under the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement grants scheme.
- (3) What funds remain available under the scheme in each category.

*Notice given 23 June 2008*

506 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the Government's strategy to deal with population growth: (a) in Australia; and (b) worldwide.
- (2) Is there no limit to the carrying capacity of (a) Australia; and (b) the Earth; and if there is, in each case, what is it.
- (3) (a) What resources has the Government committed to meeting the pressures of increased population in Australia; and (b) what is the expected outcome.

507 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—(a) When will Australia fully implement its obligations under the Convention on Cluster Munitions; and (b) what are those obligations.

508 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Are there any cluster munitions held by the department or anyone else in Australia; if so, who holds them and how many are there.

*Notice given 24 June 2008*

\*509 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) When was the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency notified by the department of the section 9 emergency declaration application made under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* with respect to the construction of the dingo fence at Happy Valley.
- (2) Why did it take 8 days after the application was made for work to stop on the construction of the dingo fence.
- (3) Was there a stop work order given to stop construction of the dingo fence.
- (4) Why did representatives from the department attend a meeting at Fraser Island on Tuesday, 20 May 2008, when an earlier section 9 emergency declaration application had been withdrawn on Friday, 9 May 2008 and federal jurisdiction consequently removed.
- (5) Have the ground disturbance guidelines been reviewed by the Fraser Island World Heritage Area Indigenous Advisory Committee and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service; if so, when did that review occur.
- (6) How will any disturbed cultural heritage sites along the dingo fence on Fraser Island be remediated.

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### **Amendment to an order of continuing effect**

#### **1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents**

That paragraph (7) of the order be amended to read as follows:

- (7) The Finance and Public Administration Committee consider the ongoing operation of the order and report on relevant developments from time to time.

*(Agreed to 1 March 2007 upon adoption of recommendation 13 in the Finance and Public Administration Committee's second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06).)*

### **Committees**

#### **2 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments**

- (1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:  
 Omit: 'Employment, Workplace Relations and Education'  
 Substitute: 'Education, Employment and Workplace Relations'  
 Omit: 'Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts'  
 Substitute: 'Environment, Communications and the Arts'.
- (2) That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:
- Community Affairs*  
 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
 Health and Ageing
- Economics*  
 Treasury  
 Innovation, Industry, Science and Research  
 Resources, Energy and Tourism
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations*  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Environment, Communications and the Arts*  
 Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts  
 Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

*Finance and Public Administration*

Parliament  
 Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)  
 Finance and Deregulation  
 Human Services

*Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade*

Foreign Affairs and Trade  
 Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

*Legal and Constitutional Affairs*

Attorney-General  
 Immigration and Citizenship

*Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport*

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

**3 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 18 March 2008.)

**4 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O'Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

**5 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 18 June 2008, and Wednesday, 25 June 2008, from 11 am to 1.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports.

(Agreed to 17 June 2008.)

**6 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings**

That the following order operate as an order of continuing effect:

- (1) The Senate confirms that any disclosure of evidence or documents submitted to a committee, of documents prepared by a committee, or of deliberations of a committee, without the approval of the committee or of the Senate, may be treated by the Senate as a contempt.
- (2) The Senate reaffirms its resolution of 20 June 1996, relating to procedures to be followed by committees in cases of unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings.



- (3) The Senate provides the following guidelines to be observed by committees in applying that resolution, and declares that the Senate will observe the guidelines in determining whether to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:
  1. Unless there are particular circumstances involving actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate, the following kinds of unauthorised disclosure should not be raised as matters of privilege:
    - (a) disclosure of a committee report in the time between the substantial conclusion of the committee's deliberations on the report and its presentation to the Senate;
    - (b) disclosure of other documents prepared by a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event, or where they contain only research or publicly-available material, or where their disclosure is otherwise inconsequential;
    - (c) disclosure of documents and evidence submitted to a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event;
    - (d) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where the freedom of the committee to deliberate is unlikely to be significantly affected.
  2. The following kinds of unauthorised disclosure are those for which the contempt jurisdiction of the Senate should primarily be reserved, and which should therefore be raised as matters of privilege:
    - (a) disclosure of documents or evidence submitted to a committee where the committee has deliberately decided to treat the documents or evidence as in camera material, for the protection of witnesses or others, or because disclosure would otherwise be harmful to the public interest;
    - (b) disclosure of documents prepared by a committee where that involves disclosure of material of the kind specified in paragraph (a);
    - (c) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where that involves disclosure of that kind of material, or significantly impedes the committee's freedom to deliberate.
  3. An unauthorised disclosure not falling into the categories in guidelines 1 and 2 should not be raised as a matter of privilege unless it involves actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate.
  4. When considering any unauthorised disclosure of material in the possession of a committee, the committee should consider whether there was any substantive reason for not publishing that material.
- (4) Before deciding to raise a matter of privilege involving possible unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, any committee may seek the guidance of the Committee of Privileges as to whether a matter should be pursued. If the committee decides that such a matter should be raised, it must consult with the Committee of Privileges before taking the matter further.

- (5) When applying this resolution a committee shall have regard to the matters set out in paragraphs 3.43 to 3.59 of the 122nd Report of the Committee of Privileges, June 2005.

*(Sessional order agreed to on 6 October 2005 adopted as an order of continuing effect on 17 September 2007.)*

**7 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a member of a committee appointed under standing order 25 is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

*(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Meeting of the Senate’ below.)*

**Estimates**

**8 2007-08 Additional estimates—2008-09 Budget estimates—Hearings**

- (1) That estimates hearings by standing committees for 2008 be scheduled as follows:

**2007-08 additional estimates:**

Monday, 18 February and Tuesday, 19 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group A*)  
 Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group B*).

**2008-09 Budget estimates:**

Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May and, if required, Friday, 30 May (*Group A*)  
 Monday, 2 June to Thursday, 5 June and, if required, Friday, 6 June (*Group B*)  
 Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October, and if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)  
 Wednesday, 22 October and Wednesday, 23 October and, if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications and the Arts  
 Finance and Public Administration  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**

Community Affairs  
 Economics  
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:  
 (a) Tuesday, 18 March 2008 in respect of the 2007-08 additional estimates; and  
 (b) Tuesday, 24 June 2008 in respect of the 2008-09 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

**9 2007-08 Additional estimates—Answers to questions**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2007-08 additional estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 10 April 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 4 April 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Wednesday, 2 April 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Wednesday, 9 April 2008

**Group B:**

Community Affairs	Friday, 11 April 2008
Economics	Friday, 11 April 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 11 April 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 10 April 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

**10 2008-09 Budget estimates—Answers to questions**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2008-09 Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 31 July 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 11 July 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Thursday, 10 July 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Friday, 18 July 2008

**Group B:**

Community Affairs	Friday, 1 August 2008
Economics	Friday, 1 August 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 1 August 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 31 July 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

**Meeting of Senate****11 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2008 be as follows:

**Autumn sittings:**

Tuesday, 12 February to Thursday, 14 February

**Autumn sittings (2):**

Tuesday, 11 March to Thursday, 13 March

Monday, 17 March to Thursday, 20 March

**Budget sittings:**

Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

**Winter sittings:**

Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June

Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June

**Spring sittings:**

Tuesday, 26 August to Thursday, 28 August

Monday, 1 September to Thursday, 4 September

Monday, 15 September to Thursday, 18 September

Monday, 22 September to Thursday, 25 September

Monday, 13 October to Thursday, 16 October

**Spring sittings (2):**

Monday, 10 November to Thursday, 13 November

Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November

Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

**12 Days and hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation**

That:

- (1) On Tuesday, 17 June 2008:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to adjournment; and
  - (b) the routine of business from 5 pm shall be:
    - (i) valedictory statements, and
    - (ii) after the conclusion of valedictory statements or at not later than midnight, whichever is the earlier, the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.
- (2) On Wednesday, 18 June 2008:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment; and
  - (b) the routine of business from 5.30 pm shall be:
    - (i) valedictory statements, and
    - (ii) the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.
- (3) On Thursday, 19 June 2008:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to 11.40 pm;
  - (b) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 3.45 pm shall be government business only;
  - (c) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) not be proceeded with;
  - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
  - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- ~~(4) The Senate shall sit on Friday, 20 June 2008 and that:~~
  - ~~(a) the hours of meeting shall be 9 am to 4.25 pm;~~
  - ~~(b) the routine of business shall be:~~
    - ~~(i) notices of motion, and~~
    - ~~(ii) government business only; and~~
  - ~~(c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 3.45 pm.~~

- (5) On Monday, 23 June 2008:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be ~~9.30 am~~ **12.30 pm** to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to 11.40 pm;
  - (b) the routine of business from 7 pm shall be government business only; and
  - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (6) On Tuesday, 24 June 2008:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and ~~7~~ **7.30 pm** to adjournment;
  - (b) the routine of business from approximately 5.30 pm shall be:
    - (i) Senator Murray to make a valedictory statement, and
    - (ii) government business only; and
  - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (7) On Wednesday, 25 June 2008:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be ~~9~~ **9.30 am** to adjournment; and
  - (b) the routine of business from ~~6.50~~ **5.30 pm** shall be:
    - (i) valedictory statements, and
    - (ii) the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.
- (8) On Thursday, 26 June 2008:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to adjournment;
  - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
  - (c) the routine of business from not later than 3.45 pm shall be government business only;
  - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
  - (e) if the Senate is sitting at 11 pm, the sitting of the Senate shall be suspended till 9 am on Friday, 27 June 2008.
- (9) In making valedictory statements in accordance with this order, a senator shall not speak for more than 20 minutes.

*(Agreed to 17 June 2008; amended 19 June and 24 June 2008.)*

### 13 **Adjournment debate on Tuesday—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

*(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also 'Committees' above.)*

### 14 **Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

*(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Committees’ above.)*

## **Orders for production of documents**

### **15 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That the Senate:
  - (a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;
  - (b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and
  - (c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.
- (2) That this order is of continuing effect.

*(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)*

### **16 Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 19 June 2008, the red folder brandished by the Minister which he claims contains details of ‘problematic’ defence procurement projects.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 15 May 2008.)*

### **17 Sport—Sports and recreation facilities—Grants—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table, no later than 5 pm on 23 June 2008, a list of the commitments made by the Government during the election period to provide grants for sports and recreation facilities, which are being administered by the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, showing the recipients, locations and amounts of the grants.

*(Motion of Senator Bernardi agreed to 17 June 2008; document tabled 23 June 2008.)*

**\*18 Administration—Departmental and agency appointments—Order for production of documents**

That—

- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:
  - (a) a list of all appointments made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies including the term of the appointment and remuneration for the position; and
  - (b) a list of existing vacancies to be filled by government appointment to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.
- (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
- (3) This order is of continuing effect.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)*

**\*19 Administration—Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents**

That—

- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.
- (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
- (3) This order is of continuing effect.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)*

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## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

### Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

- 1 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

### Conduct of business

- 2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

### Government documents

- 4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.



### Limitation of time

**Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

- 5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

### Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**  
 To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

### Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**  
 To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

### Questions without notice

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

### Statements

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

### Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**  
**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**  
**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**  
**Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)**  
**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)**

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

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## TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Carol Brown, Chapman, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

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## CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

### Standing Committees

- **Legislative and General Purpose**
  - Community Affairs
  - Economics
  - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
  - Environment, Communications and the Arts
  - Finance and Public Administration
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
  - Regulations and Ordinances
  - Scrutiny of Bills
- **Standing (Domestic)**
  - Appropriations and Staffing
  - House
  - Library
  - Privileges
  - Procedure
  - Publications
  - Selection of Bills
  - Senators' Interests

### Select Committees

- Agricultural and Related Industries
- Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
- State Government Financial Management

### Joint Committees

- **Standing**
  - Electoral Matters
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  - Migration
  - National Capital and External Territories
  - Parliamentary Library
  - Treaties

- **Statutory**
  - Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
  - Australian Crime Commission
  - Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
  - Corporations and Financial Services
  - Intelligence and Security
  - Public Accounts and Audit
  - Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

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## COMMITTEES

### **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 15 May 2008; reporting date varied 15 May 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008)

#### *Members*

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator O'Brien (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fisher, Milne, Nash and Sterle

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

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### **Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm)

#### *Members*

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Murray, Nash, Parry and Sherry

#### *Reports presented*

45th report—Department of the Senate's budget; Ordinary annual services of the government; Parliamentary computer network (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

46th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

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**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Campbell (*Chair*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown and Parry and Mr Clare, Mr Hayes, Ms Parke and Mr Pyne

*Current inquiry*

Law enforcement integrity models (*adopted 15 May 2008*)

*Report presented*

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Mr Wood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Parry and Polley and Mr Champion, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes and Mr Pyne

*Current inquiries*

Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007 (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

Legislative arrangement to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

*Report presented*

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm>

*Members*

The President, the Speaker, and Senators Cormann and O'Brien and Mr Hale, Mr Hawker, Mr Hayes, Mr Lindsay and Mr Price

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**Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

*Members*

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Allison, Boyce, Carol Brown, Lundy and Polley

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; interim report presented 19 June 2008; final reporting date: 25 September 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 12 August 2008*)

Special disability trusts (*referred 15 May 2008; reporting date: 18 September 2008*)

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (*referred 17 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 18 August 2008*)

*Reports presented*

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008] (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Mental health services in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

\* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

\* Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

**Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Chapman (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Kirk, Murray and Webber and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Ms Owens, and Mr Robert

*Current inquiry*

Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*statutory responsibility*)

*Report presented*

- \* Better shareholders – better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
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**Economics—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Treasury; Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; Resources, Energy and Tourism

*Members*

Senator Hurley (*Chair*), Senator Eggleston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Bushby, Joyce, McEwen, Murray and Webber

*Substitute member*

*Australia's space science and industry sector*—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Murray

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carol Brown, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood, Watson and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*)

*Australia's space science and industry sector* (*referred 19 March 2008; interim report presented 23 June 2008; final reporting date: no later than October 2008*)

*Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme* (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*)

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 26 August 2008*)

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 29 September 2008*)

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 18 August 2008*)

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2008*)

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of November 2008*)

*Reports presented*

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 and National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Interim report (*presented to the President on 11 February 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Australia's mandatory last resort home warranty insurance schemes—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] and Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Australia's space science and industry sector—Interim report (*tabled 23 June 2008*)

\* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

\* Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

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**Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm)

(formerly *Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*; name amended 13 February 2008)

*Portfolio*

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

*Members*

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Crossin, Fisher, Sterle, Stott Despoja and Wortley

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carol Brown, Bushby, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood and Webber



*Current inquiry*

- \* Academic freedom in school and higher education (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 11 November 2008*)

*Reports presented*

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)
- Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)
- \* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Morrison (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Hutchins and Ronaldson and Mr Danby, Mr Scott and Mr Sullivan

*Current inquiries*

- 2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: not before June 2009*)
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008 for inquiry in conjunction with the committee's 2007 Federal Election inquiry; reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

*Report presented*

Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008—Advisory report (*tabled 17 June 2008*)

**Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/ecita\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/ecita_ctte/index.htm)

(*formerly Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; name amended 13 February 2008*)

*Portfolios*

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

*Members*

Senator McEwen (*Chair*), Senator Bartlett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Kemp, Lundy, Parry, Webber and Wortley

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bernardi, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood and Watson

*Current inquiries*

Sexualisation of children in the media (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2008*)

Waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2008*)

*Reports presented*

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 9 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

\* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

**Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change); Finance and Deregulation; Human Services

*Members*

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator Fifield (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Collins, Fierravanti-Wells, Moore, Murray and Watson

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Webber and Wortley

*Current inquiry*

Lobbying code of conduct (*referred 14 May 2008; reporting date: first sitting Thursday of August 2008*)

*Reports presented*

- Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)  
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)  
 \* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)  
 \* Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Bishop, Cormann, Fifield, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Payne, Stott Despoja, Trood and Webber and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Mirabella, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, Mr Robb, Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott, Mr KJ Thomson and Ms Vamvakinou

*Current inquiries*

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families (*referred 21 May 2008*)  
 Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America (*referred 4 June 2008*)

*Report presented*

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

*Members*

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cormann, Forshaw, Hogg, Sandy Macdonald and McEwen

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Watson, Webber and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (*referred 8 November 2006; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 31 July 2008*)  
 Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 22 June 2006; readopted 14 February 2008*)

- \* Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 30 May 2009*)

*Reports presented*

The changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report (*presented to the President on 19 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

- \* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

### **House—Standing Committee**

*Members*

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President, and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley

### **Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 14 February 2008; final report tabled 16 June 2008*)

*Members*

Senator Payne (*Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Colbeck, Fifield, Lundy and Moore

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

*Report presented*

A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

### **Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

*Members*

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Forshaw, McGauran, Marshall and Nash and Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus and Mr Melham

*Current inquiries*

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 6 – Australian intelligence agencies (*statutory responsibility*)

*Report presented*

Review of the re-listing of three terrorist organisations (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

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**Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

*Members*

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Barnett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Fisher, Hurley, Kirk, Marshall and Trood

*Substitute member*

*Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008*—Senator Hogg to replace Senator Hurley

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Watson, Webber and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

*Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2008)*

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 and any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements (referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner)*

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: not before 25 September 2008*)

*Reports presented*

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 6 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

- \* Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
  - \* Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
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### **Library—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

The President (*Chair*), and Senators Allison, Barnett, Hutchins, Kirk, Trood and Webber

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### **Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

#### *Members*

Mr Danby (*Chair*), Mrs DS Vale (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McEwen and Polley and Ms D' Ath, Mr Georgiou, Mr Randall and Mr Zappia

#### *Current inquiry*

Immigration detention (*adopted 29 May 2008; replaces the inquiry into the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre adopted on 13 March 2008*)

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### **National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

#### *Members*

Senator Lundy (*Chair*), Mr Secker (*Deputy Chair*), and the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Crossin, Humphries and Joyce and Mr Adams, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Neville and Mr Turnour

#### *Current inquiry*

Role of the National Capital Authority (*referred 19 February 2008*)

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### **Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpl/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

#### *Members*

Senators Allison, Barnett, Hutchins, Kirk, Trood and Webber and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Butler, Mr Hawker, Ms Jackson, Mrs Mirabella and Mr Perrett

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### **Privileges—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Hurley (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Collins, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

*Reports presented*

133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

134th report—Effective repetition (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

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**Procedure—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Bartlett, Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig and Parry

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**Publications—Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/publ/index.htm>

*Members*

Senator Carol Brown (*Chair*) and Senators Bernardi, Marshall, Mason, Parry, Sterle and Wortley

*Reports presented*

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

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**Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm>

*Members*

Ms Grierson (*Chair*), Mr Georgiou (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Chapman, Hogg, Lundy, Murray and Watson and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradbury, Mr Butler, Ms King, Mr Morrison, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert

*Current inquiries*

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation (*adopted 1 March 2006; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Review of Auditor-General's reports (*statutory responsibility*)

Effects of the ongoing efficiency dividend on smaller public sector agencies (*adopted 4 June 2008*)

*Committee document presented*

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

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**Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm>

*Members*

Mr Butler (*Chairman*), Senator Troeth (*Vice-Chairman*), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion, Mr Forrest, Mr Hale, Mr Lindsay and Mr Slipper

*Reports presented*

Seventy-first annual report (First report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

HMAS *Creswell* redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory (Second report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegeetta, Victoria (Third report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan (Fourth report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

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**Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 19 March 2008; reporting dates: 30 September 2008, 30 March 2009, 30 September 2009, 30 March 2010 and 30 September 2010*)

*Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Moore, Scullion and Siewert

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

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**Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Wortley (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Cormann and Moore

*Documents presented*

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February 2007 to March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2007, dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

*Members*

Senator Sterle (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Heffernan, Hutchins, Hurley, McGauran, Nash and O'Brien



*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nettle, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (*referred 19 September 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

Meat marketing (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

*Reports presented*

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 24 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

**Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

*Members*

Senator Ellison (*Chairman*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Collins, McEwen, Murray and Troeth

*Alert Digests presented*

No. 1 of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)

No. 2 of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

No. 3 of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

No. 4 of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

No. 5 of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

*Reports presented*

First report of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)

Second report of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Third report of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Fourth report of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Fifth report of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

The work of the committee during the 40th Parliament: February 2002 – August 2004  
(*tabled 18 June 2008*)

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### **Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip, and Senators Adams, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

#### *Reports presented*

Report no. 1 of 2008 (*presented 14 February 2008*)

Report no. 2 of 2008 (*presented 12 March 2008*)

Report no. 3 of 2008 (*presented 19 March 2008*)

Report no. 4 of 2008 (*presented 14 May 2008*)

Report no. 5 of 2008 (*presented 18 June 2008*)

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### **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Webber (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk and Lightfoot

#### *Notifications of alterations of interests*

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June 2007 and 7 December 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 December 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

#### *Report presented*

Report 1/2008: Annual report 2007 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

#### *Document presented*

Registration of Senators' Interests: A handbook for senators, also incorporating related information on registering gifts to the Senate and the Parliament, 2008 edition (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

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### **State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 14 February 2008; reporting date varied 12 March and 20 March 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*)

#### *Members*

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Chapman, Forshaw and Polley

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Campbell, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

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**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

*Members*

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Birmingham, Bushby, Marshall, Sterle and Wortley and Mr Andrews, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Ms Neal, Ms Parke, Mr Simpkins, Mr Trevor and Ms Vamvakinou

*Current inquiry*

All treaties tabled in the Senate

*Reports presented*

Report 90—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2008 (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Report 92—Treaty tabled on 4 June 2008 (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

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**SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES**

**Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

Senator Lundy (*appointed 12 March 2008, for a period of 3 years*).

**Council of the National Library of Australia**

Senator Trood (*appointed 13 June 2007, for a period of 3 years*).

**Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**

Senators O'Brien and Watson (*appointed 12 March 2008 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing Minister for Sport
<b>Senator the Honourable John Faulkner</b> <i>Special Minister of State</i> <i>Cabinet Secretary</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Defence Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
<b>Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy</b> <i>Minister for Broadband, Communications and the            Digital Economy</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Treasurer Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Assistant Treasurer
<b>Senator the Honourable Kim Carr</b> <i>Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and            Research</i>	Minister for Education Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
<b>Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Climate Change and Water</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Minister for the Status of Women Minister for Employment Participation Minister for Youth
<b>Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Human Services</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Ageing
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law</i>	Minister for Finance and Deregulation Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Tourism Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
Parliamentary Secretaries	
<b>Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing</i>	

*In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.*

## GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

**Matters of privilege** take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

**Business of the Senate** has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

**Government business** is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

**General business** is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

**Notices of motion** are statements that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

**Orders of the day** are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

**Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses**—adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

**Orders of the day relating to government documents**—adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

**Business for future consideration** lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

**Bills referred to committees** lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

**Questions on notice** includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

**Orders of the Senate** includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

**Contingent notices of motion** are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

**Temporary chairs of committees** is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

**Categories of committees** is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

**Committees** lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

**Senate appointments to statutory authorities** lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

**Ministerial representation** lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

### The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of the autumn and spring sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and at: [www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm)

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