

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

Senator Coonan (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Siewert and Troeth

Former members

Senator Ellison (until 14 October 2008)

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Principles of the committee

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 1 January 2009 and 30 June 2009, the committee considered 123 bills, and commented on 69 bills in eight Alert Digests. The committee also produced seven Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 January 2009–30 June 2009

- No. 1 of 2009 (4 February 2009)
- No. 2 of 2009 (10 February 2009)
- No. 3 of 2009 (11 March 2009)
- No. 4 of 2009 (18 March 2009)
- No. 5 of 2009 (13 May 2009)
- No. 6 of 2009 (presented out of session 2 June 2009; tabled 15 June 2009)
- No. 7 of 2009 (17 June 2009)
- No. 8 of 2009 (24 June 2009)

Reports presented

1 January 2009–30 June 2009

- First Report of 2009 (4 February 2009)
- Second Report of 2009 (11 March 2009)
- Third Report of 2009 (18 March 2009)
- Fourth Report of 2009 (13 May 2009)
- Fifth Report of 2009 (presented out of session 2 June 2009; tabled 15 June 2009)
- Sixth Report of 2009 (17 June 2009)
- Seventh Report of 2009 (24 June 2009)

Meetings

1 January 2009–30 June 2009

Private: 8

Briefings:

Total: 8