

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

14 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

9 August 2007

Water Bill 2007 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2007

16 August 2007

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2007

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 22 October 2007

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 11 September 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 6 September 2007

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and the Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2007

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance & Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2007

12 September 2007

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations & Education Committee for inquiry and report by 18 September 2007

20 September 2007

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2007

1 Package of Bills referred

8 August 2007

Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 to the Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2007

1 Reference referred

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector to the Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Committee (referred 19 September 2007; report by 30 June 2008)

Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 31 Bills reports (plus 11 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 6 references reports ((plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference and 1 Third Progress report). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
FPA	Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
ECITA	*Interim report: Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
ECITA	Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into The Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27.7.07)	7.8.07
RRAT	Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007)	7.8.07
EWRE	Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
LC	Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30.7.07)	7.8.07
LC	Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] – Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	*Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] - Interim report (presented out of session on 31.7.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and the Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007, Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] report (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
ECO	Trade Practices Legislation Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
LC	International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
LC	Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1.8.07)	7.8.07
EWRE	Workforce challenges in the transport industry	9.8.07
ECITA	Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.8.07
LC	Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and four related bills concerning The Northern Territory National Emergency Response	13.8.07
ECITA	Water Bill 2007 [Provisions]; Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	14.8.07
FADT	Australia's public diplomacy: building our image	16.8.07
RRAT	Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland	16.8.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
FADT	^^Third Progress Report – Reforms to Australia's Military Justice System	10.9.07
CA	Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	*Interim Report - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	*Interim Report - Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
RRAT	Unauthorised disclosure of committee Proceedings (presented out of session on 22.8.07)	10.9.07
EWRE	Final Report - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
EWRE	Final Report - Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
ECO	Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 5.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6.9.07)	10.9.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Private equity investment in Australia (presented out of session 20.8.07)	10.9.07
FADT	*Interim Report – Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 5.9.07)	10.9.07
FADT	Final Report – Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	10.9.07
ECITA	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 6.9.07)	10.9.07
FPA	*Interim Report – Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 4.9.07)	10.9.07
FPA	Final Report – Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 7.9.07)	10.9.07
ECO	Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007	11.9.07
EWRE	Quality of school education	13.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007	17.9.07
ECO	*Interim Report - National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007	17.9.07
EWRE	Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.9.07
CA	Highway to health: better access for rural, regional and remote patients (Patient assisted travel schemes)	20.9.07
ECITA	Report on two privilege matters raised with the committee in relation to its inquiry into national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas	20.9.07

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 10.10.07)	To be tabled in the 42nd Parliament
FADT	*Interim Report – Changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (presented out of session 19.10.07)	To be tabled in the 42nd Parliament

**Reports that did not discharge a reference*

^Third progress Report that did not discharge a reference

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled no reports.

Annual Report reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 7 reports.

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 2 reports (plus 1 report that did not discharge a reference) were tabled by a Joint Statutory Committee.

Committee	Report	Tabled
CFS	The structure and operation of the superannuation industry	7.8.07
CFS	*Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	9.8.07
ACC	Future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society	19.9.07

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 8 Government responses to a Senate Committee Report:

Government response	Date	Committee
Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (report tabled 7 February 2007)	7.8.07	LC
Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.1) 2007-2008; Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No.2) 007-2008; Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007; and Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 (report tabled 13 August 2007)	16.8.07	LC
Timeshare: The price of leisure (report tabled 5 September 2005)	30.8.07	CFS
Turning back the tide – The invasive species challenge: Report on the regulation, control and management of invasive species and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 (report tabled 8 December 2004)	13.9.07	ECITA
Australian forest plantations: <i>A review of Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision</i> (report tabled 2 September 2004)	13.9.07	RRAT
Supplementary report – Trafficking of women for sexual servitude (report tabled 11 August 2005)	13.9.07	ACC

Government response	Date	Committee
Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 (report tabled 27 July 2007)	19.9.07	FPA
Quality and equity in aged care (report tabled 23 June 2005)	20.9.07	CA

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Additional Comments; Dissenting Reports; Minority Reports; Report; Additional Remarks; Opposition Report; Comments; Supplementary Comments; Supplementary Report; Supplementary Remarks; Additional Comments & Points of Dissent

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>LP/NATS</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>
Additional Comments	5	13	4	2	1
Dissenting Reports	1		2	3	2
Minority Reports		14	1	3	
Report		7			
Additional Remarks			1		
Opposition Report		1			
Comments		6			
Supplementary Comments	4				
Supplementary Report		8	2		
Supplementary Remarks			2		
Additional Comments & Points of Dissent			1		

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 10 extensions of time – 1 under a week; 3 over a week; and 6 over a month - were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 6 occasions.

Membership of Committees

During the reporting period, there were 21 membership changes of Committees.