

**Committee-related  
activity in the chamber**

## **Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters**

### ***43 Individual/Packages of Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:***

#### **8 February 2007**

AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2007

Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 15 March 2007

Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2007

#### **1 March 2007**

Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 20 April 2007

Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2007

#### **21 March 2007**

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

#### **29 March 2007**

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 May 2007

Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007

Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2007

Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 4 May 2007

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2007

### **10 May 2007**

Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 and the Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 6 June 2007

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007

Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2007

Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2007

### **13 June 2007**

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and the Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2007

### **21 June 2007**

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007 to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2007

Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

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] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Migration Amendment (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 27 July 2007

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] to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 31 July 2007

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services For Rural And Regional Australia Into The Future) Bill 2007 [Provisions] to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2007

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [Provisions] to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 7 August 2007

## ***1 Package of Bills referred/adopted***

### **9 May 2007**

Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007 (adopted 9 May 2007; upon its introduction in the House of Representatives [24 May 2007]) to the Joint Statutory Committee on Corporations and Financial Services; report by 19 June 2007)

## ***7 References referred/adopted***

The current level of academic standards of school education to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (referred 8 February 2007; report by 15 August 2007)

Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland to the Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Committee (referred 26 February 2007; no reporting date)

Operation and effectiveness of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes to the Community Affairs Committee (referred 28 March 2007; reporting date 20 September 2007)

Mental Health Services in Australia to the Community Affairs Committee (referred 28 March 2007; reporting date 30 June 2007)

Private equity investment to Economics Committee (referred 29 March 2007; reporting date 20 June 2007)

Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee (adopted on 5 June 2007)

Cost of Living Pressures on Older Australians (referred 14 June 2007; reporting date 13 September 2007)

## Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 42 Bills reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference) and 7 references reports ((plus 1 Second Report that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	7.2.07
<b>LC</b>	Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006	7.2.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Final report – Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels	7.2.07
<b>CA</b>	Funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement	8.2.07
<b>FADT</b>	Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	8.2.07
<b>LC</b>	Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006	8.2.07
<b>LC</b>	Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	8.2.07

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>EWRE</b>	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>EWRE</b>	Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>EWRE</b>	Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>FPA</b>	Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>LC</b>	Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (presented out of session on 20.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>LC</b>	Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 23.2.07)	26.2.07
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006	27.2.07
<b>FPA</b>	Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06)	27.2.07
<b>CA</b>	Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions], Private Health	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
	Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Airspace Bill 2006; and Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.2.07
<b>FPA</b>	Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure	1.3.07
<b>CA</b>	Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [Provision] (presented out of session on 9.3.07)	20.3.07
<b>LC</b>	AusCheck Bill 2006 [Provision] (presented out of session on 14.3.07)	20.3.07
<b>FPA</b>	Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [Provision] (presented out of session on 15.3.07)	20.3.07
<b>ECO</b>	Qantas Sale (Keep Jetsar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007	20.3.07
<b>FADT</b>	^Reforms to Australia's military justice system: Second progress report	29.3.07
<b>ECITA</b>	Conserving Australia – Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas (presented out of session on 12 April 2007)	9.5.07
<b>LC</b>	Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 20 April 2007)	9.5.07
<b>ECO</b>	*Interim Report – Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007)	9.5.07

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>ECITA</b>	*Interim Report – Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 And the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 30 April 2007)	9.5.07
<b>CA</b>	Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>CA</b>	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>EWRE</b>	Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No.1) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 1 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.2) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>ECO</b>	Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 3 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>ECITA</b>	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and the Radio Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 7 May 2007)	9.5.07
<b>ECO</b>	Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
<b>CA</b>	Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
<b>LC</b>	Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	9.5.07
<b>CA</b>	Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 17 May 2007)	12.6.07

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>FADT</b>	Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 31 May 2007)	12.6.07
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007)	12.6.07
<b>ECO</b>	Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No.3) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 6 June 2007)	12.6.07
<b>ECITA</b>	Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
<b>FADT</b>	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	12.6.07
<b>EWRE</b>	Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007	14.6.07
<b>EWRE</b>	Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	14.6.07
<b>ECITA</b>	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] (presented out of session 15 June 2007)	18.6.07
<b>RRAT</b>	Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions] and Fisheries Levy Amendment Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.6.07
<b>CA</b>	National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [Provisions]	18.6.07
<b>ECITA</b>	Indigenous Art – Securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector	20.6.07

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>RRAT</b>	Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand	20.6.07

*\*Interim Report that did not discharge a reference; ^Second report that did not discharge a reference*

### ***Estimates reports:***

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 16 reports.

### ***Annual Report reports:***

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 8 reports.

### ***Joint Statutory/Select Committees:***

During the reporting period, 4 reports (plus 2 reports that did not discharge a reference) was tabled by a Joint Statutory Committee.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CFS</b>	Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure Draft] (presented out of session on 23 February 2007)	26.2.07
<b>ACC</b>	Manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia	28.2.07
<b>CFS</b>	*Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission	1.3.07
<b>CFS</b>	Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [Exposure Draft] and Corporations and Australian Securities And Investments Commission Amendment Regulations 2007 [Exposure Draft]	29.3.07
<b>ACC</b>	*Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2005-06	13.6.07

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Tabled</b>
<b>CFS</b>	Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007; Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2007 and Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment 2007	19.6.07

*\*Report that did not discharge a reference*

### **Government Responses to Committee Reports**

The following table shows 9 Government responses to a Senate Committee Report:

<b>Government response</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>
Rural water resource usage	6.2.07	<b>RRAT</b>
Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers	27.2.07	<b>CA</b>
Operation of Native Title Representative Bodies	1.3.07	<b>NT</b>
Australia's Urban Water Management	10.5.07	<b>ECITA</b>
Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006	10.5.07	<b>LC</b>
Mr Chen Yonglin's request for Political asylum	14.6.07	<b>FADT</b>
Administration and Operation of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>	14.6.07	<b>LC</b>
Petrol pricing in Australia	21.6.07	<b>ECO</b>
Pacific Region Seasonal Contract Labour	21.6.07	<b>EWRE</b>

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; Comment; Additional Comments & Recommendations**

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

<b>Legislation:</b>	<b>LP/NATS</b>	<b>ALP</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>AG</b>	<b>FFP</b>
Additional Comments	1	22	7	3	1
Dissenting Reports		7	7	7	2
Minority Reports		26	1	4	
Report		8			
Additional Remarks		2	3		
Comment	1				
Additional Comments & Recommendations				1	

### **Extension of Time to present Reports**

During the reporting period, 16 extensions of time – 6 under a week; 2 over a week; and 8 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 12 occasions.

### **Membership of Committees**

During the reporting period, there were 127 membership changes of Committees.

### **Establishment of new committee**

During the reporting period, there was a new Joint Statutory Committee on Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity established on 26 February 2007 when the House of Representatives agreed to a resolution from the Senate, passed on 8 February 2007.