

**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND  
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSOLIDATION)  
BILL 2008**

**INTERIM REPORT**

The provisions of this Bill were referred to the Committee on 19 March 2008, for report on 7 May 2008. The inquiry and reporting date for the Bill fall within a non-sitting period and the Bill has not yet passed the House of Representatives.

The Committee has held public hearings relating to this inquiry in Alice Springs on 29 April and Darwin on 30 April, with the Hansards becoming available on 6 May. The submissions and evidence received to date have raised a number of issues that members of the Committee will need time to give the appropriate consideration.

However, the Committee is currently involved with a series of public hearings relating to other inquiries and requires additional time to assess the evidence, finalise its views and prepare its final report.

The Committee intends to table its final report during the budget sittings commencing 13 May 2008.

Senator Claire Moore  
Chair

7 May 2008