



## This week at a glance

8–10 May 2007

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary (SDS) outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, SDS provides a convenient summary of the previous day's proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

### **Senator Jeannie Ferris**

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On 8 May the Senate will pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Jeannie Ferris with a motion of condolence from 2 pm. The Senate will then adjourn as a mark of respect.

### **Resignations**

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On 8 May the President will inform the Senate of the resignation of Senator Santoro and Senator Vanstone.

### **New senators**

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On 8 May Ms Suzanne Boyce and Mr Simon Birmingham will be sworn in as senators to fill vacancies in the representation of Queensland and South Australia.

### **Budget 2007-08**

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The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) will table the [Budget statement](#) and associated papers for the year 2007-08. Relevant documents will be referred to committees to enable them to examine the proposed budget.

### **Legislation**

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[Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)

#### **Bills to be considered**

The government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows

#### **9 May 2007**

- Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007
- Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007

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- ❑ Archives Amendment Bill 2006 [2007]
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [2007]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ Governance Review Implementation (Treasury Portfolio Agencies) Bill 2007
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation) Bill 2007
- ❑ Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007

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## Delegated legislation

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See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

### Motions to disallow to be considered

#### 10 May 2007

- ❑ An [instrument](#) that determines the overcatch and undercatch for the 2007 fishing year in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery—notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Amendments [56](#), [59](#), [60](#) and [61](#) of the National Capital Plan made under section 19 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

## Committees

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For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

### Reports presented out of sitting to be tabled on 9 May 2007

- ❑ Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2007 and a related bill—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—Interim report and report
- ❑ Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007—Economics Committee
- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007—Community Affairs Committee
- ❑ Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007—Community Affairs Committee
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—Interim report and report

### Reports on legislation due to be tabled this week

- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007—Community Affairs Committee
- ❑ Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007—Economics Committee
- ❑ Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- ❑ Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

### Government response

A government response to a report of the Joint Public Accounts and Audit Committee on corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises was presented out of sitting and will be tabled on 9 May 2007.

### Proposed reference

A motion to refer matters relating to the [impact](#) of the Trade Practices (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006 is listed for consideration this week.

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#### Online

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

It is issued by the Senate Table Office as a convenient summary of each day's proceedings in the Senate. For a complete account see the official record, the *Journals of the Senate*, on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/pubs/index.htm>.

#### Related resources

The *Order of Business* (or 'Senate Red') and the *Dynamic Red* (which updates the *Order of Business* throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

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