



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 8 August 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.51pm

## **New Senator**

[Senator Fisher](#) gave her [first speech](#).

## **Legislation**

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

### **Bills considered**

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Cosmetics) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 August 2007]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 August 2007]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007
- Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
- Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 August 2007]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ APEC Public Holiday 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
- ❑ Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—second reading debate commenced [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view on the policy of the bills]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 [2007] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]

## Delegated legislation

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

### Motion to disapprove defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to a motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) which would have disapproved a [determination](#) that amends Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2005/19 – Principal Executive Office Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions.

A similar [notice](#) that had been set down for consideration on 10 September 2007 was withdrawn.

See *Documents* for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)  
[For committee reports](#)

### Report tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 8](#) of 2007 and [8th report](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, at whatever stage the bills have reached at 12.45pm on 9 August 2007, for inquiry and report by 13 August 2007.

### Proposed references

The Senate [debated](#) a proposal to refer matters relating to the detention and release of [Dr Mohammed Haneef](#) to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee. The debate is scheduled to continue on Thursday, 9 August 2007.

A proposal to refer matters relating to the impact of the Trade Practices (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee was withdrawn.

### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 25 October 2007
- ❑ Australia's public diplomacy—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 16 August 2007

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Economics Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 9 August 2007 from 4.30pm to 6pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into private equity markets.

## Documents

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### Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 4 of 2007-08
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ [3 petitions](#)

### Other business

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[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)  
[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

### Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Burma](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club](#)—moved by Senator Forshaw

### Motions negatived

- ❑ [Access](#) by interest groups to the leaders of the Coalition and Labor parties—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Export of uranium](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [India](#) and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Nuclear weapons](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

**Notices of motion**

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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