

This week at a glance 10 to 13 September 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 <u>Dynamic Red</u>, which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

New senator

David Christopher Bushby will be sworn in on 10 September as a senator for Tasmania.

Resignation

On 10 September the President will inform the Senate of the resignation of Senator Paul Calvert.

Prime Minister of Canada

Senators have been invited on Tuesday, 11 September 2007 to attend the House of Representatives chamber to hear an address by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper.

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <<u>www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm</u>>

Bills to be considered

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

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- □ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future) Bill 2007
- □ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007

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- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007
- □ Judges' Pensions Amendment Bill 2007

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- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007
- **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007**
- □ Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and a related bill
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007
- □ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007
- □ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007

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- □ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (OHS) Bill 2007
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007
- □ Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2007
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance) Bill 2007
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
- □ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007
- □ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007
- □ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007
- □ International Trade Integrity Bill 2007
- □ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- □ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2007
- Diffshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007
- □ Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment Bill 2007
- □ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- □ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007

- □ Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Amendment Bill 2007
- □ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007

Source: http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/index.cfm

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings click here

Reports presented out of sitting to be tabled on 10 September 2007

Legislation

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007–Finance and Public Administration Committee–Interim report
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Interim report
- □ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007–Community Affairs Committee
- □ Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and a related bill–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Interim report
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Interim report
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007–Economics Committee– Interim report and report
- Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007–Economics Committee

Other reports

- □ Economics Committee–Private equity investment in Australia
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings

Reports on legislation due to be tabled this week

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 Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007–Economics Committee

Other reports due to be tabled this week

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□ All standing committees–Reports on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2007

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- Community Affairs Committee–Cost of living pressures on older Australians
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Current level of academic standards of school education

Government responses presented out of sitting to be tabled on 10 September 2007

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint committee–Timeshare: The price of leisure
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Review of administration and expenditure: Australian intelligence organisations–Number 4: Recruitment and training

Proposed references

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 <u>Matters</u> relating to the fire on HMAS *Westralia* in May 1998–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

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 <u>Matters</u> relating to the risks associated with the rise in sea levels in Australia– Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

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Online

The Senate Daily Summary is available on the Internet at 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 <u>www.aph.gov.au/senate</u>

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