



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 August 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am and suspended at midnight on Thursday, 16 August, and met from 9.30am until 4.33pm on Friday, 17 August.

The Senate has now completed the Spring (1) sittings. The Spring (2) sittings are scheduled to commence on [10 September 2007](#).

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2007]
- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2007]
- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2007]
- ❑ International Trade Integrity Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2007]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2007]
- ❑ Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2007]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2007]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2007]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ APEC Public Holiday Bill 2007
- ❑ Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills
- ❑ Water Bill 2007 and a related bill
[These bills will now be assented to]

Message from the House of Representatives

- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007—agreeing to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

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

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

The following additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled:

- Community Affairs Committee—budget estimates 2007-08
- Economics Committee—supplementary budget and additional estimates 2006-07 and budget estimates 2007-08
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—budget estimates 2007-08
- Finance and Public Administration Committee—additional estimates 2006-07 and budget estimates 2007-08
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—budget estimates 2007-08
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—budget estimates 2005-06, supplementary budget and additional estimates 2006-07 and budget estimates 2007-08

Reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—[Australia's public diplomacy: building our image](#)
- Publications Committee—[23rd Report](#) [report adopted]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—[Options for additional water supplies](#) for South East Queensland
- Treaties Joint Committee—
 - [Report no. 86](#)—Treaties tabled on 27 March and 9 May 2007
 - [Report no. 87](#)—Treaties tabled on 13 June 2007
 - [Report no. 88](#)—Treaty tabled on 7 August 2007

Government responses tabled

[Government responses](#) to the following reports were tabled

- ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations [and] Review of the listing of six terrorist organisations
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida and Jemaah Islamiyah as terrorist organisations
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of ASG, JuA, GIA and GSPC
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—[Northern Territory](#) National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Review of the Griffin Legacy amendments

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee reports

The Senate adopted reports [13](#) and [14](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 17 September 2007
- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007—Finance and Public Administration Committee—to report by 4 September 2007
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 5 September 2007
- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 5 September 2007
- Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and a related bill—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—to report by 5 September 2007
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—to report by 5 September 2007
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—to report by 6 September 2007
- National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 22 October 2007
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 11 September 2007
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 5 September 2007
- Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 5 September 2007

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics Committee into private equity markets to 20 August 2007.

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

Documents

Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 5 of 2007-08
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [A petition](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)

Motions negatived

- [Aged pension](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Anniversary](#) of the sinking of SIEV X—moved by Senator Lundy
- [Jobs](#), Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance funding—moved by Senator Siewert
- [National Library of Australia](#), legal deposit scheme—moved by Senator Lundy
- [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.

Address by the Prime Minister of Canada

A message from the House of Representatives was reported inviting senators to attend an address by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada. The Senate agreed to [vary](#) the hours of meeting and routine of business for 11 September 2007 to enable senators to attend the address.

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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Related resources

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