



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 18 September 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.26pm

## 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 Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 September 2007]
- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 September 2007]

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

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007—Second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills [These bills will be assented to]
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

The following bill was agreed to with requests

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007—[1 Government amendment](#) and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider whether to make the amendments requested by the Senate]

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

The Senate agreed that the following bills may be considered together for their remaining stages:

- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007

### **Change to hours of meeting**

The Senate agreed to vary the [hours of meeting](#) for the remainder of this week to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

### **Bills assented to**

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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)

### **Notice of motion withdrawn**

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a [notice](#) to disallow [principles](#) that outline the process that the Secretary to the Department of Health and Ageing will undertake in investigating complaints regarding the responsibilities of a residential or community aged care provider.

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

### **Committees**

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### **Report tabled**

- [Social Security](#) Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee

### **New inquiry**

The Senate referred to the Committee of Privileges [matters](#) concerning possible false or misleading evidence given by officers at estimates hearings of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee in May 2004 and February 2005 relating to the Government's knowledge that Mr Mamdouh Habib had been taken to Egypt.

### **Public meetings**

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Community Affairs Committee—20 September 2007 from 3.30pm—Cost of living pressures on older Australians

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—19 September 2007 from 11.15am to 1.15pm—Review of Auditor-General’s reports

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer matters relating to [climate change](#) and Australian agricultural industries to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for report by 30 June 2008.

## Documents

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### Documents tabled

- [Clerk’s documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Response from the former Premier of Queensland (Mr Beattie) to a Senate [resolution](#) about the Queensland local government [agreed to 13 August 2007]
- [2 petitions](#)

## Other business

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

### Motions negatived

- [Housing affordability](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [National Close the Gap Day](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Nuclear safeguards agreement](#) with Russia—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Public transport](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

### Notices of motion

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

### Former member

The President [informed the Senate](#) of the death on 16 September 2007 of Peter Robert Cleeland, a former member of the House of Representatives.

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