



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 20 September 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 10.43pm

*The Senate has now completed the Spring (2) sittings. The Spring (3) sittings are scheduled to commence on [15 October 2007](#) but will not occur if the Parliament is prorogued (brought to a close) before that date for a general election.*

## 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

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Crime or Terrorism Related Internet Content) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Courses) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 September 2007]
- ❑ National Health Security Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 September 2007]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Disability, War Widow and War Widower Pensions) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 September 2007]

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

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007

- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Courses) Bill 2007
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ National Health Security Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 6) Bill 2007
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Disability, War Widow and War Widower Pensions) Bill 2007

### The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia' Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007
- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) 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
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Courses) Bill 2007
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ Judges' Pensions Amendment Bill 2007  
Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2007
- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007
- ❑ National Health Security Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007—A message was reported advising that the House had made the amendments requested by the Senate—the bill was read a third time
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007

- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Disability, War Widow and War Widower Pensions) Bill 2007

[These bills will now be assented to]

### **Messages from the House of Representatives**

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2007—agreeing to the bill without amendments
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2007—agreeing to the bill without amendments
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate

[These bills will now be assented to]

### **Document tabled**

- ❑ Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007—Inquiry into the bill [tabled by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison), by leave]

### **Bill assented to**

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate.

## **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Motion to disallow defeated**

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) which would have disallowed four items contained in the [Migration Amendment Regulations](#) 2007 (No. 7).

### **Notices of motion to disallow given**

- ❑ The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave [notices](#) to disallow the following:
  - [Determination](#) that amends the Australian Passports Determination 2005
  - [Regulations](#) that amend the Corporations Regulations 2001 in relation to access to a register of members of a body corporate
  - [Regulations](#) that amend the Family Law (Child Abduction Convention) Regulations 1986 to improve the operation and effectiveness of the Convention
  - [Regulations](#) that amend the Financial Transaction Reports Regulations 1990
  - [Regulations](#) that amend the Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2006
  - [Direction](#) that allows Jetstar Airways to operate the A320 aircraft with 4 cabin attendants
  - [Determination](#) giving effect to changes to the list of drugs and medicinal preparations available as pharmaceutical benefits

- [Regulations](#) that amend the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995
  - [Rules](#) that provide for the fees for human tissue prosthesis and other prosthesis
  - [Notice](#) that revokes the Notice of Declarations and Specifications made by the Minister for Social Security relating to safety, rehabilitation and compensation
  - [Instrument](#) that provides an exemption to allow the stockpiling in Australia of three separate unregistered therapeutic goods
  - [Regulations](#) prescribing matters connected to certain procedures of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
  - [Instrument](#) varying the Statement of Conditions relating to insurance cover for certain buildings that are provided under the *Defence Service Homes Act 1918*
  - [Vehicle standard](#) that provides requirements for new pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles and trailers
  - [Regulations](#) that amend the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006
  - [Regulations](#) that set out ways by which an employer may provide the Workplace Relations Fact Sheet to employees
- Senator Milne gave a [notice](#) of motion to disallow [regulations](#) that amend the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995

If notices of motion for disallowance are unresolved at the end of the Parliament, the instruments to which they relate are deemed to be tabled again at the start of the new Parliament, and the disallowance timetable begins again.

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

The following additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled:

- Supplementary budget estimates 2006-07 and budget estimates 2007-08—[Seven standing committees](#)

### Reports tabled

- Community Affairs Committee—[Highway to health](#): better access for rural, regional and remote patients
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—[Report](#) on two privilege matters raised with the committee in relation to its inquiry into national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—Annual reports referred to the committee—[Report no. 2](#) of 2007
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Australia's aid program](#) in the Pacific

- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into the proscription of ‘terrorist organisations’ under the Australian Criminal Code
- ❑ Publications Committee—
  - [24th Report](#) [report adopted]
  - Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[89th Report](#)—Treaties tabled on 7 August 2007

### Report considered

The Senate agreed to the recommendation in paragraph 40 and endorsed the finding contained in paragraph 41 of the [131st report](#) of the Privileges Committee.

### Government response tabled

A [government response](#) to the report of the Community Affairs References Committee on quality and equity in aged care was tabled.

### New inquiry

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 16](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee and referred the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to report by 10 October 2007.

## Documents

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### Documents tabled

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck) tabled a ministerial statement on the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap. [[first speaker](#)]

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Comfort women and Japan](#)—moved by Senator Payne
- ❑ [Death of Mr Vincent Serventy](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Human rights in Colombia](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Sexual assault and abuse](#) of children and young people—moved by Senator Bartlett

### **Motions negatived**

- ❑ [Lucas Heights nuclear reactor](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Bush fires in Greece](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Carteret Islands](#) and sea level rise—moved by Senator Nettle

### **Statement by President**

[The President](#) made a further statement in response to a [question](#) asked by Senator Crossin on 19 September 2007 confirming that the Women in Parliament exhibition in Parliament House would remain.

### **Notices of motion**

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

## **Statistics**

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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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