



## This week at a glance

### 13 to 15 May 2008

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, it 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 [Dynamic Red](#), which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

### Senators

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On 13 May, the President will announce the resignation of Senator Robert Ray. Ms Jacinta Collins will be sworn in as a Senator for Victoria to fill the vacancy.

### Budget 2008-09

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On 13 May the Treasurer will make the Budget statement for 2008-09 in the House of Representatives. The statement and associated documents will subsequently be tabled in the Senate. Relevant documents will be referred to committees to examine during the estimates hearings from 26 May to 6 June.

### Legislation

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

#### Bills to be considered

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

#### 13 May 2008

- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008

#### 14 May 2008

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008

### 15 May 2008

- ❑ Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008
- ❑ Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2008
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008

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### Committees

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For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

#### Reports presented out of sitting to be tabled on 13 May 2008

- ❑ Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme—Economics Committee—Interim report
- ❑ Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Interim report and final report
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—Interim report
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008—Economics Committee
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Interim report and final report
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Interim report and final report

#### Reports due to be tabled this week

- ❑ Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee

## Other business

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### Delegated legislation

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

Motions to disallow to be considered

#### 13 May 2008

- Road User Charge Determination 2008 (No. 1), made under the *Fuel Tax Act 2006*—notice given by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

#### 14 May 2008

- Amendment 2 to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines No. 1, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*—notice given by Senator Mason

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#### Online

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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 [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

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