



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 17 March 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.42pm

## 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 bill was introduced

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 March 2008]

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

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

The following bills were debated

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—[Second reading debate](#) continued
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008—[Second reading debate](#) commenced

The following bill was passed

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

### Notice of motion

To restore a private senator's bill to the Notice Paper

- Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2004]—notice given by Senator Bartlett

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

## Committees

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee

Other reports

- Senators' Interests Committee–Report 1 of 2008: Annual report 2007 and the 2008 edition of the handbook for Senators

### Notices of motion given

To establish a select committee

- [Remote Indigenous Communities](#) Select Committee

To extend reporting deadlines

- Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008–Community Affairs Committee–to report by 12 August 2008
- Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–to report by 23 June 2008

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Migration Joint Committee–private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order [33\(1\)](#)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [See Journals entries nos [22](#) and [24](#)]

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner) tabled a [ministerial statement](#) about best practice regulation requirements.

## Other business

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

### Death of former member

The President informed the Senate of the death on 14 March 2008 of the Honourable Clyde Robert Cameron, AO, a former minister and members of the House of Representatives for the division of Hindmarsh from 1949 to 1980. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans).

### Motion agreed to

- [Health research](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- Tibet—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]

### Motions negated

- [Asia-Pacific](#) Defence and Security Exhibition—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Crown Casino](#) in Melbourne—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

### Address-in-reply

[Debate continued](#) on the Address-in-reply to the Governor-General's speech.

### Notices of motion

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

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