



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 19 June 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.18pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2007-2008
[passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2008]
- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009
[passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2008]
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment
(Control of Power Station Emissions) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]
- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on
18 June 2008]
- Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were passed

- Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2007-2008
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco Content) Bill 2008
- Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Bill 2008 and a related
bill
- Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2008
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget and
Other Measures) Bill 2008
- Farm Household Support Amendment (Additional Drought Assistance
Measures) Bill 2008
- Fisheries Legislation Amendment (New Governance Arrangements for
the Australian Fisheries Management Authority and Other Matters) Bill
2008
- Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2008
- Health Insurance Amendment (90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme)
Bill 2008

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008
- ❑ Law Officers Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (National Health Security) Bill 2008
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Election Commitments No. 1) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (2007 Election Commitments) Bill 2008

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and a related bill—[9 Liberal Party amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following private senators' bill was restored to the Notice Paper

- ❑ Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising Bill) 2006 [2008]

Variation to days and hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to various changes to the days and hours of meeting. [See Journals entries [4](#) and [53](#)]

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Committee—Mental health services in Australia—[Interim report](#) [A motion to take note of the report was debated—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—The effectiveness of the [broadcasting codes of practice](#) [A motion to take note of the report was debated—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[92nd report](#)—Treaty tabled on 4 June 2008

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee into the sexualisation of children in the media to 25 June 2008.

Notices of motion given

To alter reporting deadlines:

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report by 10 November 2008
- ❑ Mental health services in Australia—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 25 September 2008

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Stott Despoja as a member of the Economics Committee to replace Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into Australia's space science and industry sector.

Documents

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]

Regulations disallowed

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow a [determination](#) which amends and repeals the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Determination 2007. [[first speaker](#)]

Order for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner) made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [15 May 2008](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning defence procurement projects, and tabled a letter from the Minister for Defence to the President of the Senate.

Documents tabled

- [3 petitions](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens) tabled a ministerial statement: The Northern Territory response: One Year on. The Senate debated a [motion](#) (moved by Senator Bartlett) to take note of the statement.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Access to music education](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator Kemp
- [Asterias Amurensis](#) (Northern Pacific Seastar)—moved by Senator Abetz
- [Zimbabwe](#)—moved by Senators Ellison, Murray and Sandy Macdonald

Motion negatived

- [Crimes against women in Iraq](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

Notices of motion

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

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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