



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 23 June 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.10pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Australian Energy Market Amendment (Minor Amendments) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2008]
- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] [private senators' bill]

The following bills were debated

- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009
–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Commonwealth Securities and Investment Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008–
1 Australian Democrat and 2 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Employment Entry Payment) Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- Economics Committee–Australia’s space science and industry sector–[Interim report](#) [A motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to–[first speaker](#)]

Government response tabled

A [government response](#) to the report of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee on workplace agreements was tabled.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Mental health services in Australia–Community Affairs Committee–to report by 25 September 2008
- Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–to report by 25 June 2008

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline:

- Australia’s involvement in peacekeeping operations–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–to report by 31 July 2008

To refer matters to committees:

- [Academic freedom](#) in school and higher education–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee–to report by 11 November 2008
- [Challenges facing Papua New Guinea](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–to report by 30 May 2009

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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley) gave a notice of motion to the Torres Strait Regional Authority Section 142S [Declaration](#) 2008.

Notices of intention to withdraw notices

Notices of intention to [withdraw notices](#) to disallow 5 instruments were given.

Orders for the production of documents—Document tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner) [tabled](#) a statement relating to sports and recreation facilities [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [17 June 2008](#) on the motion of Senator Bernardi]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 42 of 2007-08
- ❑ Parliamentary Zone—proposal and documentation relating to the construction of a childcare centre within Parliament House. A [notice of motion](#) was given to extend the approval. [A [motion](#) to take note of the documents was agreed to]
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Australian participation in OECD Working Group on Bribery
- ❑ Commonwealth chief nursing and midwifery and other health reforms
- ❑ East Timor

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Human rights](#)—moved by Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett
- ❑ [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the rules for questions and a [matter](#) raised by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) during question time on 19 June 2008.

Notices of motion

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

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