



# Senate Daily Summary

**Tuesday, 23 September 2008**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.12pm

## **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

- Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 September 2008]

The following bill was agreed to with requests

- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008—1 Government, 1 Family First and 2 Senator Xenophon requests for amendments agreed to [see Journals entries nos [4](#) and [27](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider whether to make the amendments requested by the Senate]

The following bills were passed

- A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]

### **Change to days and hours of meeting**

The Senate agreed to vary the [hours of meeting](#) for 23 September 2008 to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

### **Notices of motion**

To introduce bills

- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008—notice given by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—notice given by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans)

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- AusLink (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2008
  - Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2008
  - Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 and a related bill
- notice given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig)

### **Bills assented to**

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

## **Committees**

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

Report on legislation

- [Offshore Petroleum](#) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills–Economics Committee [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved]

Other reports

- Public Works Joint Committee–[Report no. 7](#) of 2008–Update report: The Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre Project [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#) and agreed to]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–[Implementation](#), operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]

### **Public meetings**

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Economics Committee–23 September 2008 from 6.00pm–Australia’s space science and industry sector
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–24 September 2008 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm–Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–24 September 2006 from 3.30pm–Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008 and 2 related bills

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics Committee into matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia to 13 November 2008.

## Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Senator Cormann discharged and Senator Johnston appointed
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—Senator Ellison discharged and Senator Coonan appointed

## 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]

### Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Social Security](#) (Public Interest Certificate Guidelines) (DEEWR) Amendment Determination 2008.

### Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew notices of motion to disallow [4 instruments](#).

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 3](#) of 2008-09
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

### Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Googong Dam
- ❑ Mortimer review into defence procurement and sustainment, together with the report entitled *Going to the next level*

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Assessment](#) of the proposed dam on the Mary River, Queensland—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Management](#) of the Murray-Darling river system—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

**Motion negatived**

- [International Day of Peace](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

**Notices of motion**

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

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