



This week at a glance

26 to 28 August 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.

Proceedings on 26 August

The Senate will meet on 26 August at 12.00pm. The Governor-General will administer the oath or affirmation to senators elected to serve from 1 July 2008. The Senate will then elect the President of the Senate. The Senate will suspend, resuming at 2.00pm to elect the Deputy President.

Senators

On 27 August Senators [Pratt](#), [Xenophon](#) and [Bilyk](#) will give their first speeches.

Legislation

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

Bills to be considered

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

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- Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008

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- Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008
- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

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- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges) Bill 2008

Source: <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/index.cfm>

Committees

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

Documents presented out of sitting to be tabled on 26 August 2008

Reports on legislation

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee
- ❑ Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]— Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Interim report

Other reports

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—Australia’s involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report and final report
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—The way forward – Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters—Interim report
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests—Interim report

Government responses

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Indigenous art: Securing the future—Australia’s Indigenous visual arts and craft sector
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Committee—Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts

Reports due to be tabled

- ❑ Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and a related bill—Economics Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008—Schedules 1 and 2—Economics Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—Economics Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008—Economics Committee

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Reports on legislation

- ❑ Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008—Economics Committee
- ❑ Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]—Economics Committee
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—Economics Committee

Other report

- ❑ State Government Financial Management Select Committee

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- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Committee—Lobbying code of conduct
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests—Final report

Proposed references

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- ❑ [Exclusive Brethren](#)—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 26 November 2008
- ❑ [Matters](#) relating to Australian Rules football in Tasmania—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 30 March 2009

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Online

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at www.aph.gov.au/senate

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

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