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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 26 June 2008

- 1 **Senator O'Brien:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2009:
- (a) whether the decision of the Australian Football League (AFL) Board of Commission to prioritise admission to its competition of teams from Western Sydney and the Gold Coast over a proposed team from Tasmania is fair and equitable;
 - (b) the capacity of the State of Tasmania to sustain a team in the peak national Australian Rules Football competition;
 - (c) the regional implications of the establishment of an AFL team in Tasmania for economic development;
 - (d) whether the AFL commissioners' obligations to current supporters of the game override their desire to promote larger television audiences for it; and
 - (e) other related matters.

Notice of motion altered on 27 August 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 27 August 2008

- *2 **Senator Johnston:** To move—
- (1) That the following matters relating to the Western Australian gas crisis be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2008:
 - (a) the causes and responsibilities for the gas explosion at Varanus Island on 3 June 2008;
 - (b) the role of state and federal government agencies and the extent to which their inaction and failures may have contributed to the explosion and the subsequent gas crisis;
 - (c) the role and responsibilities of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority before and since the explosion;
 - (d) the economic impact of the Western Australia gas crisis, including but not limited to:
 - (i) the extent of losses faced by business and industry failing to meet production targets due to the lack of gas supplies,
 - (ii) the disproportionate disruption to industry in the south west of Western Australia, and
 - (iii) the nature of contractual arrangements forced on business and industry during the gas crisis and their status since the resumption of gas supplies from Varanus Island; and
 - (e) the government response to the Western Australian gas crisis, including but not limited to:
 - (i) the adequacy of the crisis management response,

- (ii) the adequacy of reliance on one source supplies of gas for domestic markets,
 - (iii) the provision of reliable and affordable supplies of alternative energy,
 - (iv) the feasibility of developing emergency storage facilities of gas in depleted reservoirs or other repositories, and
 - (v) the justification for any refusals to release relevant facts and documents publicly.
- (2) That, in undertaking this inquiry, the committee:
- (a) call for the production by the Western Australian Government of all relevant correspondence, advice and reports; and
 - (b) take evidence in Perth and in major regional centres in Western Australia.
- *3 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008 be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 September 2008, together with the reference to that committee agreed to on 27 August 2008.

Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Proposed reference

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2008:

- (a) exemptions for the Exclusive Brethren and its members from Australian laws or administrative decisions;
 - (b) public funding, tax or other arrangements which do or may advantage the Exclusive Brethren over other community organisations;
 - (c) the activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members which threaten or harm families, in particular, the best interests of children;
 - (d) the covert, as against overt, activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members in the political process in Australia; and
 - (e) any related matters (*Senator Abetz, in continuation, 27 August 2008*).
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008**—(*Senate bill*)
In committee (27 August 2008).
- 2 **Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008**
In committee (27 August 2008).
- 3 **National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 27 August 2008*).
- *4 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 27 August 2008*).
- 5 **Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 June 2008).
- *6 **Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges) Bill 2008**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 27 August 2008*).
- 7 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *8 **Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 27 August 2008*).
- 9 **Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**
Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 10 **Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

11 Budget statement and documents 2008-09

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008*).

12 Governor-General's Opening Speech

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wortley—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee—Report—Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bishop, in continuation, 26 August 2008*).

2 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 26 August 2008*).

3 Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 26 August 2008*).

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

5 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

6 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—A matter relating to the PET review of 2000

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Polley, in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

7 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).

8 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).

9 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Advisory report—Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).

10 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*16 June 2008*).

11 Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee—Report—A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Payne)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 June 2008*).

12 Privileges—Standing Committee—133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Brandis)—That the Senate endorse the finding at paragraph 1.31 of the 133rd report of the Committee of Privileges (*15 May 2008*).

13 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 27 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Emergency management Australia—Attorney-General's Department**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 28 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Defence's compliance with the Public Works Committee approval processes—Department of Defence**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Parent School Partnerships Initiative—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's use of data matching and analytics in tax administration—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of recruitment in the Australian Public Service**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Preparation of the Tax Expenditure Statement—Department of the Treasury**
Consideration (13 May 2008).
- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The National Capital Authority's management of national assets—National Capital Authority**
Consideration (15 May 2008).
- 8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of the pathology quality and outlays memorandum of understanding—Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Building certification of residential aged care homes—Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Taxpayers' charter: Follow-up audit—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's strategies to address tax haven compliance risks—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (16 June 2008).

- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of credit cards**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of Job Network service fees—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Managing e-Business applications: Follow-up audit—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of personnel security: Follow-up audit**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of customer debt: Follow-up audit—Centrelink; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**
Consideration (23 June 2008).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Third tranche sale of Telstra shares—Department of Finance and Deregulation**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 18 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Interim phase of the audit of financial statements of general government sector agencies for the year ending 30 June 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 19 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Specific purpose payments: General recurrent grants for government schools—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- 20 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Regulation of commercial broadcasting—Australian Communications and Media Authority**
Consideration (26 August 2008).
- 21 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 1 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Employment and management of locally engaged staff—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
Consideration (26 August 2008).

22 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 2 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Tourism Australia

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Nash, in continuation, 26 August 2008*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2008

18 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the contempt in which the Australian Labor Party (ALP) has historically held upper houses around the country, including a platform to abolish all upper houses until 1979, the abolition of the upper house in Queensland and a current policy to abolish the South Australian Legislative Council,
 - (ii) that the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) has reduced the number of sitting weeks in the Senate in 2008, and
 - (iii) that the Deputy Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) has already demanded legislation be passed without adequate scrutiny in the Senate; and
- (b) given the above, condemns the Rudd Labor Government for continuing the ALP's legacy of inherent contempt for the Senate.

Notice given 19 March 2008

63 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the Senate calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Smith) to seek the abandonment of the death sentence in China.

Notice given 19 June 2008

123 Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding): To move—That—

- (a) the reporting date for the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be amended by omitting 'report on 30 June 2009' and substituting 'report by 10 November 2008'; and
- (b) further consideration of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be an order of the day for 10 November 2008.

Notice of motion altered on 23 June 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 26 August 2008

- 155 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to repeal the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005* and the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Act 2005*. ***Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008***.

Notice given 27 August 2008

- *158 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee (Senator Sterle):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on the implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests be extended to 3 September 2008.
- *159 **Senator Parry:** To move—That the Senate notes:
- (a) that many Australians are worse off today than they were in 2007;
 - (b) that many Australians are experiencing difficulties due to increasing cost of living pressures; and
 - (c) the Government's failure to address these difficulties.
- *160 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes with sadness the passing of Yvonne Butler, a Townsville elder and a tireless campaigner for social justice and Indigenous rights;
 - (b) acknowledges the important role that Yvonne played in highlighting the injustice done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers whose paid labour was controlled by the Government and which was instrumental in the establishment of the inquiry into stolen wages by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, and also led to an apology and reparations scheme from the Queensland Government;
 - (c) recognises Yvonne's bravery in coming forward to tell her story and the stories of her family, the important impact of her tireless efforts to encourage others to do the same and acknowledges the unanimous finding of the committee report, *Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages*, that for many Indigenous Australians whose wages and benefits were withheld across Australia this remains unfinished business; and
 - (d) offers its condolences to her family and friends.
- *161 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for emergency measures to ensure the environmental and economic sustainability of the Murray-Darling Basin, and for related purposes. ***Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008***.
- *162 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the urgent and warranted pleas of National Seniors Australia and pensioners around Australia about the dire economic circumstances facing many older Australians; and
 - (b) calls on the Treasurer (Mr Swan) to raise, as a priority measure, the single aged pension \$30 per week above the consumer price index adjustment at 30 September 2008.

***163 Senator Macdonald:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) at 3 pm on Tuesday, 26 August 2008, there were 24 people who could not get a bed at the Townsville General Hospital because of overcrowding,
 - (ii) at the hospital ambulances are being used as makeshift beds in the first recorded case of ‘ramping’,
 - (iii) at 10 am on 26 August 2008 there were 18 patients in the emergency department waiting for inpatient beds, and
 - (iv) in August 2006 the then Labor Premier of Queensland made an election commitment to commence work on a new \$85 million wing at the hospital in the 2007-08 financial year;
- (b) acknowledges that the Government Medicare threshold rebate proposals will throw additional inpatient bed pressure on the Townsville General Hospital already incapable of dealing with current demand; and
- (c) calls on the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments to urgently fund and commence construction of the promised new wing of the Townsville General Hospital.

***165 Senators Macdonald and Joyce:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that on 27 August 2008 a petition of 10 300 signatures was presented to the Queensland State Parliament to stop the demolition of the National Trust listed (Endangered Building) and National Estate registered, Cairns Yacht Club; and
- (b) calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Mr Garrett) to accede to the Emergency Listing Request made by the ‘People Against Demolishing the Yacht Club’ for the Cairns Yacht Club under the National Heritage guidelines.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents**1 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2006-07**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the document (20 March 2008).

2 National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (20 March 2008).

3 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (20 March 2008).

4 Central Land Council—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (20 March 2008).

5 Northern Land Council—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (20 March 2008).

- 6 **Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 7 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 8 **Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 9 **Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 10 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 221/07 to 346/07—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 12 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 11 **Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Financial statements for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 12 **Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*20 March 2008*).
- 13 **Migration Act 1958—Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*14 May 2008*).
- 14 **Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*14 May 2008*).
- 15 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 366/08 to 412/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 13 May 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*14 May 2008*).
- 16 **Estimates of proposed supplementary expenditure for 2007-08—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).

- 17 **Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 18 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Defence portfolio—Correction**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 19 **Which way home? A new approach to homelessness—Green paper by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Housing, dated May 2008**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 20 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio—Corrigendum**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 21 **Department of Education, Science and Training—Australian vocational and technical education system—Report for 2006**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 22 **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967—Review of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority operational activities, dated February–March 2008**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 23 **Equine influenza: The August 2007 outbreak in Australia—Commission of Inquiry—Report by the Honourable Ian Callinan, AC, dated April 2008**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- 24 **Snowy Hydro Limited—Report for the period 2 July 2006 to 30 June 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 25 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Progress report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 26 **Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 27 **Australian Military Court—Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 28 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—National Relay Service provider performance—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 29 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2006-07—Statement relating to exemption from reporting requirements**
Consideration (17 June 2008).

- 30 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 3 June 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 31 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 32 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania—Report—Inquiry on the progress with implementation of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (1997)—Second five yearly review, dated February 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 33 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 44—Safeguards inquiry into the import of pigmeat, dated 31 March 2008—Government response**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 34 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 48: The coercive information-gathering powers of government agencies, dated May 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 35 **Australian Maritime College—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 36 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities New York, 13 December 2006**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 37 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instrument—Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 38 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instruments—Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) and Promotion Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197)**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 39 **Director of Military Prosecutions—Report for the period 12 June 2006 to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 40 **Judge Advocate General—Report for 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 41 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).

- 42 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2006-07—Addendum**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 43 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of Australia on Defence Cooperation, done at Abu Dhabi on 23 April 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 44 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 45 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 46 **Australian National University—Report for 2007**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 47 **Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula—Reports for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 48 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunication reports for 2006-07—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards—Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 49 **Attorney-General's Department—Report—Review of sections 47J and 110AA of the *Copyright Act 1968*—Copyright exceptions for private copying of photographs and film, 2008**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 50 **Multilateral treaty—Attachment to explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 51 ***Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003*—Quarterly report on the operation of the Government co-contribution scheme for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 52 **AusLink—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (24 June 2008).

- 53 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 54 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia’s health 2008—Eleventh biennial report**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 55 **National Health and Medical Research Council—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report on the operation of the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* for the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 56 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 57 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, 11 December 1997, [2008] ATS 2)**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 58 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (Hobart, 23 June 2008)**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 59 **Parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- 60 **Former parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- 61 **Parliamentarians’ overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- 62 **Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- 63 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (26 June 2008).

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 2 **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 3 **Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 4 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2008*).
- 5 **Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 8 **Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*14 February 2008*).
- 9 **Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*14 February 2008*).
- 10 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Nettle*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*14 February 2008*).
- 11 **Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown and Senators Bishop and Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 12 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Murray and Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 13 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 14 **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).

- 15 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 16 **Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 17 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 18 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 19 **National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 20 **Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 21 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 22 **Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 23 **Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 24 **Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 25 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 26 **Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 27 **Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 28 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).

- 29 **Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 30 **Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senators Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 31 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 32 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 33 **Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 34 **Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 35 **Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 36 **Rural and Regional Australia**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
 (i) the challenges facing Australia’s rural and regional communities, and
 (ii) that the Government is showing its contempt of rural and regional Australia, including through cuts to rural and regional funding programs; and
(b) calls on the Labor Government to continue the strong commitment of the former Coalition Government to rural and regional Australia (*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 37 **Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 March 2008*).
- 38 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006 [2008]**
Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]—(*Senate bills*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

- 39 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 40 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 41 **Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 43 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 44 **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).
- 46 **Budget and the economy**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Eggleston—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
 (i) the concern of Australians given the impending budget cuts proposed by Labor’s razor gang, and
 (ii) that Labor is showing with its backflips and ill-conceived proposals that it has no idea how to run our trillion dollar economy; and
(b) calls on Labor’s razor gang to ensure that no Australian will be worse off when the Budget is delivered in May 2008 (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 13 March 2008*).
- 47 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 18 March 2008*).
- 48 **National Commissioner for Children Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*18 March 2008*).
- 49 **A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Improved Access to Baby Bonus) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 March 2008*).
- 51 **Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading (*restored 14 May 2008*).
- 54 **Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Kirk*)
Second reading (*restored 15 May 2008*).

55 Budget 2008-09

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate acknowledges that the first Rudd-Gillard Government budget is a high taxing, high spending, old fashioned Labor budget that is not inflation fighting (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

56 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bernardi)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).

58 Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Stott Despoja and Nettle)

Second reading (*restored 19 June 2008*).

59 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Control of Power Station Emissions) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*19 June 2008*).

60 Indigenous Australians—The Northern Territory emergency response: One year on—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).

61 Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senators Troeth and Humphries)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Troeth, in continuation, 23 June 2008*).

62 Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Johnston)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Johnston, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 2 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 August 2008

- *164 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate calls on the Government to explain the recent release of adverse comments about the New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clarke.

General Business—Order of the Day

- 52 **Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—**
(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)
Second reading—Adjourned debate *(Senator Fielding, in continuation, 15 May 2008)*.

On 3 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the lobbying code of conduct.
- 2 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

- 45 **Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate *(Senator Fielding, in continuation, 13 March 2008)*.

On 4 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on climate change and the Australian agricultural sector.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on meat marketing.

On 16 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008. *(Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)*

General Business—Order of the Day

- 6 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

Seven sitting days after today (17 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2008

- 1 **Senator Barnett:** To move—That item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 355 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed. [F2007L04101]

Eight sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 356 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed. [F2007L04099]

Eight sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2008 (17 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2008.

On 17 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 18 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on special disability trusts.

Nine sitting days after today (22 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 23 June 2008

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Torres Strait Regional Authority Section 142S Declaration 2008, made under subsection 142S(1) of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*, be disallowed. [F2008L00357]

Ten sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Ten sitting days after today (23 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 June 2008

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Film Certification Advisory Board Rules 2008, made under subsection 376-260(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, be disallowed. [F2008L00350]

Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 25 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.

On 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* and related matters.

Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008—(Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

No later than 30 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on matters specified in part (1) of the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system.

On 30 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

First report to be presented.

No later than October 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on Australia's space science and industry sector.

On 14 October 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

53 **Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

On 15 October 2008

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 26 August 2008

- 156 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to prohibit the addition of synthetic trans fatty acids to food, and for related purposes. ***Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2008.***

On 16 October 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme.

2 Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

3 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia.

4 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008, the Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008, the Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and the Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 10 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Orders of the Day

7 Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

57 Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).

On 11 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on academic freedom in school and higher education.

On 27 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on natural resource management and conservation challenges.

By the last sitting day of November 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations.

No later than 4 December 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on matters specified in part (2) of the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system.

On 20 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change.

On 30 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

Second report to be presented.

2 National Broadband Network—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 30 May 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

On 30 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 May 2008).

On 30 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Third report to be presented.

On 21 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 27 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

Report to be presented on food production in Australia.

On 30 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Fourth report to be presented.

On 30 September 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008.

2 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 and related matters.

3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

4 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008, the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 and related matters.

5 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the 2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 **Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008**

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

2 **Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2008*).

3 National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

General Business—Order of the Day

50 Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*).

Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 14 May 2008*).

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 June 2009*).

Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date varied 17 June and 27 August 2008; reporting date: 3 September 2008*).

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date varied 27 August 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*).

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008**National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; interim report presented 27 August 2008*).

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡
Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*).

Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*).

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March and 26 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*).

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*).

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner*).

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2008*).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Daily Bills Update at www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf.

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.



BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Repeal Bill 2008

Second reading negatived, 19 March 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Third reading negatived, 26 June 2008.

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 17 June 2008.

Private senators' bills

Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [2008]

Second reading negatived, 20 March 2008.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 17 to 566 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2008

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 13-48)—As at 26 November 2007, with reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many employees are engaged in positions responsible for public affairs, media management, liaison with the media and media monitoring.
- (2) What are the responsibilities of these staff.
- (3) What are the Australian Public Service classifications of these positions.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, what is the current operating budget for these media-related sections within the department or agency.

17 Minister representing the Treasurer

29 Minister for Climate Change and Water

30 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

37 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

38 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

45 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 117-152)—With reference to Senator Minchin's letter to the Minister representing the Prime Minister, dated 1 February 2008, can the following information be provided prior to each round of Estimates and for Additional Estimates by 13 February 2008:

- (1) (a) What appointments have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies and advisory boards within the Minister's portfolio; and (b) for each appointment, what are the respective appointee's credentials.
- (2) How many vacancies remain to be filled by ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.
- (3) What grants have been approved by the Minister from within the Minister's portfolio.
- (4) What requests have been submitted to the Department of Finance and Deregulation to move funds within the Minister's portfolio.

121 Minister representing the Treasurer

136 Minister for Human Services

141 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

142 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

149 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 225-260)—

- (1) (a) Since 24 November 2007, what federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia have been cut and/or discontinued in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies; and (b) what savings have been made from these cuts.
- (2) (a) What plans does the Government have to cut and/or discontinue federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies in the coming period; and (b) what estimated savings would be made from these cuts.

229 Minister representing the Treasurer

249 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

250 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

257 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

Notice given 12 March 2008

369 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) At any point during the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, in Sydney, were the spouses of the APEC leaders transported by a coach with a parquet floor; if so: (a) where did the coach come from and how was it transported to Sydney; (b) why was it deemed necessary for the leaders' spouses to be transported in this manner; and (c) who made the decision about what level of luxury the leaders' spouses would travel in.

- (2) What were the costs and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transport of the coach to Sydney.
- (3) Can descriptions be provided of the other features of the vehicles that the leaders' spouses travelled in.

Notice given 30 May 2008

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 441-476)—Since 1 July 2006: (a) has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged: (i) CMAX Communications, (ii) Maximum Communications, (iii) Mr Christian Taubenschlag, (iv) Ms Tara Taubenschlag, or (v) any company operated by Mr Christian Taubenschlag or Ms Tara Taubenschlag; and (b) if so, in each case: (i) when was the engagement, (ii) what was the nature of the engagement, (iii) what was the value of the engagement, (iv) what was the term of the engagement, (v) was the engagement entered into after a competitive process; if not, why not, and (vi) did the Minister or any of his/her staff have a role in recommending this engagement.

441 Minister representing the Prime Minister

445 Minister representing the Treasurer

449 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

453 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

460 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

464 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 27 August 2008*)

465 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

471 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 3 June 2008*)

Notice given 3 June 2008

477 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 272 (Senate *Hansard*, 13 May 2008, p. 127) regarding the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:

- (1) What is the Minister's definition of 'deforestation'.
- (2) (a) On what date was Weld River coupe WR15F fire bombed for a 'regeneration burn'; and (b) by whom.
- (3) Was the burn contained within the planned boundaries.
- (4) With what was coupe WR15F regenerated.
- (5) (a) What is the current status of the wildlife that was in coupe WR15F before the logging; (b) where did the wildlife go; and (c) what happened to the resident wildlife already in those destinations.

Notice given 17 June 2008

- 486 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the \$35 million Toyota grant which was announced on 10 June 2008: In detail, what communications did the Prime Minister, his staff, or members of his department have with Toyota between the time of the announcement of the grant in Japan on 10 June 2008 and the time Toyota issued their press statement on 11 June 2008.
- 488 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Noting the Government’s commitment to a National Weeds and Productivity Research Program and a National Cane Toad Plan and innovation fund: Can details be provided of all other programs which are directed towards pest and or weed management, including their time frames and funding.
- 498 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) At 24 November 2007, how many applications had been received in each category of Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (TCFA) grants, approved or in progress.
 - (2) (a) Who were the members of the advisory committee; (b) who represented the: (i) Tasmanian Government, and (ii) the Federal Government; (c) who was the independent member of the committee; and (d) who was the chair: (i) from inception until 24 November 2007, and (ii) since 24 November 2007.
 - (3) Did the membership of the advisory committee change between 2005 and 24 November 2007; if so, what are the details of the membership changes.
 - (4) Did the membership change after the 2007 Federal election; if so, who has been on the advisory committee since 24 November 2007.
 - (5) Were the three independent positions on the committee advertised; if not, how were the members chosen.
 - (6) Who selected the three independent members.
 - (7) Who was appointed as the Independent Assessor.
 - (8) What selection process was undertaken to choose the Independent Assessor.
 - (9) Who chose and appointed the Independent Assessor.
 - (10) (a) What criteria was used in choosing the Independent Assessor; (b) why was the department’s ‘Chief Executive Instruction on Procurement’, including the department’s ‘Risk Assessment in Procurement Processes’, not implemented; (c) who decided not to implement it; and (d) was the Minister informed of the decision not to implement it; if not, why not; if so, which Minister was informed and by whom.
 - (11) What payments were made to the Independent Assessor: (a) until 24 November 2007; and (b) after 24 November 2007.
 - (12) (a) What oversight did the Tasmanian Government or the Australian Government have over the recruitment or appointment of the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor; and (b) why did the department not formalise a consultancy agreement with the Independent Assessor and the sub-contractor.

- (13) Why did the Cabinet Implementation Unit (CIU) of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet decide to no longer include the three TCFA programs in the CIU quarterly reports past September 2005.
- (14) Why were the potential conflicts of members of the advisory committee, the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor not identified as a risk by the department as part of the program implementing planning process.
- (15) (a) Why did the department not require the advisory committee to adhere to the 'Better Practice Guide for Advisory Committees' by requesting members, prior to their joining the advisory committee, to sign a declaration of interests advising the committee of conflicts of interest; (b) who made the decision not to implement the guidelines; and (c) were either of the Ministers informed of this decision.
- (16) Why did the department, as the secretariat, not record the minutes of two of the three teleconferences held by the advisory committee.
- (17) Did the Independent Assessor have business interests, or direct or indirect involvement in the Tasmanian forest industry; and (b) was this identified as a risk to the grants scheme; if not, why not.
- (18) Between 2005 and 24 November 2007 who were the members of the secretariat of the department: (a) responsible for chairing meetings of the advisory committee; (b) preparing and administering funding agreements; (c) the payment of grants; and (d) other administrative functions related to the programs.
- (19) Why did the department not report against all the outcome indicators in its 2006-07 report.
- (20) Why did the department not identify: (a) the number of jobs maintained; (b) the amount of new investment for the programs; and/or (c) assistance given within the agreed terms of reference.
- (21) (a) How many companies were assessed; (b) how many jobs were likely to be created; (c) how many jobs were maintained; (d) what was the amount of new investment for the program; and (e) was assistance given with agreed time frames.
- (22) (a) Which three applications for grants were refused but, following re-assessment by the Independent Assessor hearing of the applicant's appeals, were then approved for funding; and (b) what funding was granted.
- (23) Was either the Tasmanian Minister or the Federal Minister informed that the advisory committee had decided to not adhere to the eligibility criteria; and/or to not adopt a method or scale of rating applications; if so, when was the Minister informed; if not, who decided to not inform the Ministers.
- (24) (a) Why was the 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management', requiring that a systematic assessment process be established in advance, ignored by the department; and (b) who signed off on this bypass of proper process.
- (25) Until 24 November 2007, exactly what did the preliminary assessment conducted by the department secretariat assess; and (b) did the department's preliminary assessment commit funding in any cases; if so, which cases.
- (26) Will the Government produce implementation updates on the TCFA; if so, when.

- (27) Why did the performance reviews for September 2006, December 2006 and January 2007 provided to the department's executive by its Fisheries and Forestry Division not report progress against the outcome performance indicators in the project plan at Portfolio Budget Statements.
- (28) Will the department report on the number of jobs maintained, given that all proposals require applicants to provide employment details at the time of the application, and expected employment when the project is completed.
- (29) (a) Does the department validate the employment details provided by successful grant applicants; if not, why not; and (b) will the department institute this procedure via the recipients' payroll data.
- (30) (a) Why did the department agree to vary the guidelines for the TCFA grants from other forest-related industry proposal guidelines; (b) in particular, what is the reason detailed financial information on other sources of government funding was excluded; and (c) who requested the variation and what was the rationale provided.
- (31) Who has taken responsibility for advising the Minister or the Government when the department did not adhere to its 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management' in relation to good eligibility criteria and method and scale of rating applications.
- (32) (a) Which nine grant applications had no departmental preliminary assessment; (b) were any or all of these grant applications assessed by the Independent Assessor or sub-contractor; if so, which ones; (c) were any or all of these grant applications not assessed by any other body except the advisory committee; and (d) were any or all of these the subject of a declared conflict of interest at any level; if so, what.
- (33) Did the chair of the advisory committee document what she or he believed the 'intent' of the programs was since the criteria had been ignored; if not, why not.
- (34) Which grant application for \$49 950 had only a Department of Economic Development (DED) assessment.
- (35) (a) Which six grant applications under \$50 000 had no documented assessment covering financial viability on technical or operational viability; (b) were they approved; (c) what advice did the department provide to the Ministers as to whether or not they should be approved and on what basis; and (d) who takes responsibility for this advice.
- (36) (a) Why did the advisory committee decide not to continue with a probity advisor after only one meeting with a probity advisor present; (b) did the department inform either the Tasmanian Government or Federal Government that the advisory committee had dispensed with the services of a probity advisor; if not, why not.
- (37) (a) How many, and which, DED staff provide extensive support to applicants through the secretariat of the advisory committee; and (b) who invited, or agreed to, the DED having such a role when this role was not identified or formalised in the memorandum of understanding on exchange of letters between the state and Commonwealth governments.
- (38) Was any assessment conducted of any conflicts of interest of these DED officers, since they undertook assessment of some applications.

- (39) Which individuals or companies were recipients of: (a) Tasmanian Country Sawmills Association Programme (TCSAP) 2, worth \$102 585; and (b) Tasmanian Softwood Development Programme (TSIDP) 23(a), worth \$68 312.
- (40) Following the December 2005 advisory committee meeting, the DED was asked to assist with 16 business cases for the TCSAP, 15 business cases for the Tasmanian Forest Industry Development Programme (TFIDF) and 6 visits: (a) which grant applications was this assistance requested for; and (b) who conducted the site visits for the DED.
- (41) What criteria did the advisory committee use to decide which applications would be reviewed by the Independent Assessor.
- (42) What advice did the department or the Federal Government representative on the advisory committee provide to the committee about the need for criteria on thresholds to determine which applications would be subjected to review by the Independent Assessor.
- (43) Did the department or any section of the Tasmanian or Federal governments inform either Minister that that the advisory committee had no criteria for referring applications to the Independent Assessor; if so: (i) who, and (ii) when; if not, why not.
- (44) (a) Which 10 applications over \$50 000 were approved without an independent assessment; (b) who were the applicants receiving \$68 312 and \$102 585 who were only assessed by the DED; and (c) which eight applications were sent to the assessors with the scope of assessment restricted by the advisory committee.
- (45) (a) Were the decisions of the advisory committee made by consensus or majority; and (b) were votes recorded; if so, can these records be provided.

Notice given 23 June 2008

506 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the Government's strategy to deal with population growth: (a) in Australia; and (b) worldwide.
- (2) Is there no limit to the carrying capacity of (a) Australia; and (b) the Earth; and if there is, in each case, what is it.
- (3) (a) What resources has the Government committed to meeting the pressures of increased population in Australia; and (b) what is the expected outcome.

Notice given 26 June 2008

510 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to Senator Birmingham's letter to the Minister of 7 December 2007, to which a response had not been received as at 26 June 2008:

- (1) Will the Minister consider the introduction of such transitional measures that would enable people who have committed significant funds and periods of their lives to building futures in Australia, to be assessed against the conditions that were in place at the time of their arrival.
- (2) Specifically, with reference to the changes on 1 September 2007 to the points test for General Skilled Migration visas, will the Minister consider applying the former points test to people granted a Student visa who had a clear intention of subsequently applying for permanent residency prior to the changes having been announced.

Notice given 10 July 2008

518 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) What environmental standard has the Government put in place in regard to the disposal of printer cartridges.
- (2) What education program is in place by the Government to promote their re-use and recycling.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that military-standard encryption microchips are used in some cartridges to prevent them from being re-useable.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that printer cartridge remanufacturing businesses are denied access to the Planet Ark recycling program.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that Planet Ark is crushing usable printer cartridges that could be recycled.

Notice given 14 July 2008

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 519-554)—

- (1) Does the department have a policy regarding the use of remanufactured printer products as opposed to buying new ones; if so, does the department assess the cost and re-useability of the product as part of its decision-making in regard to the policy.
- (2) Does the department have a policy directive to use remanufactured printer products and, by doing so, lower the balance of payments through reducing imports.
- (3) What environmental standard has the department put in place in regard to the disposal of printer cartridges.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that several of the printer companies are now putting chips in printer cartridges so that they cannot be re-used.
- (5) Does the department have any contractual arrangements with Lexmark or Epson; if so, is the department party to any 'Prebate' program.
- (6) Does the department know what happens to the printer cartridges when they are empty.
- (7) With whom does the department hold a printer supply contract and what are the conditions of the contract.
- (8) How much does the department spend on printer cartridges each financial year.
- (9) Does the department use Planet Ark to recycle cartridges.
- (10) Does the department use foreign companies such as Corporate Express when purchasing printer cartridges.

519 Minister representing the Prime Minister

524 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

525 Special Minister of State

531 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

532 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

535 Minister for Climate Change and Water

- 536 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 537 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 538 Minister for Human Services
- 539 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 540 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 541 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 542 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 544 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Notice given 18 July 2008

- 557 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—
- (1) Has an assessment been made in relation to the effluent outfall of the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill in northern Tasmania and its impact on the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*).
 - (2) Research undertaken by Dr Stewart Godfrey, a retired Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation oceanographer, found that the mill's effluent will impact on both Commonwealth and Tasmanian waters and given that the department has received Dr Godfrey's research and accepted further advice that it is scientifically sound, what is the department doing to ensure Commonwealth marine waters and species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* are not exposed to these effluent loads.
 - (3) Is the Commonwealth in receipt of scientific advice that the mill will breach Commonwealth conditions each day of its operation if it does not install a tertiary treatment plant.
 - (4) If sewage effluent is added to the outfall pipe, will a new Commonwealth approval be required.
- 559 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—
- (1) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the water supply and effluent disposal pipeline, which will service the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill in Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
 - (2) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the port facility on the Tamar River, which will service the proposed mill; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
 - (3) Has the Minister allocated funds for the railway system that may service the proposed mill; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
 - (4) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the proposed log-sorting yard in Brighton, Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
 - (5) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the Brighton bypass in southern Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.

- (6) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the new major road intersection where the pulp mill entrance joins the East Tamar Highway; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 561-563)—

- (1) So far, what is the total cost of Professor Garnaut's travel and accommodation expenses paid by, or invoiced to, the department.
- (2) What is the total cost of staffing resources provided to Professor Garnaut.
- (3) (a) How are staff working on the review engaged; (b) are the positions Australian Public Sector positions/classifications; (c) at what pay/level are the staff; and (d) are the staff on non-ongoing contracts.
- (4) Are the staff physically located within the Department of Climate Change; if not, where are the staff engaged.
- (5) In relation to Professor Garnaut's motor vehicle allowance, has the department made enquiries as to what type of motor vehicle Professor Garnaut drives; if so, what is its make and model.
- (6) Does the department pay Professor Garnaut's mobile phone bill; if so, how much has been paid/invoiced to date.
- (7) Has the Government provided any other resources to assist Professor Garnaut; if so, can details of these resources be provided.
- (8) For each of the five public forums held by Professor Garnaut in the week of 7 July 2008, what was the total cost of: (a) venue hire; (b) advertising; (c) Professor Garnaut's travel and accommodation; (d) any supporting staff travel and accommodation; and (e) any other expenses.
- (9) Has anyone working with Professor Garnaut, or Professor Garnaut himself, prepared briefing information for the Department of Climate Change for the Minister, or directly to the Minister; if so, when was this information provided to the Minister/department.
- (10) (a) Who paid for the printing, publication and distribution of the draft report of the Garnaut Climate Change Review; (b) what was the cost of printing, publication and distribution of the report; and (c) how many copies were printed.
- (11) (a) On what basis was the paper '9Lives80' selected for use in the report; (b) where is this paper made; (c) if the paper is not Australian-made: (i) why was this paper preferred ahead of Australian-made options, (ii) how many carbon miles were used to bring the paper to Australia for printing and use in the report, and (iii) were these carbon miles offset; and (d) what was the total cost of using this paper in the report.
- (12) (a) Who paid for the design and development of the logo for the Garnaut Climate Change Review; (b) who designed the logo; and (c) what was the total cost of designing the logo.
- (13) What financial or staffing support has been provided for the maintenance of the Garnaut Review website.

561 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 12 August 2008*)

562 Minister for Climate Change and Water

563 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 12 August 2008*)

Notice given 28 July 2008

566 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) (a) What is the progress of the satellite augmentation system being developed by Airservices Australia, known as the Ground-based Regional Augmentation System; and (b) have there been plans to halt development of the system.
- (2) (a) Is the project still going ahead; if not, will there be a financial loss; and (b) if there will be a loss, will it be incurred by Airservices Australia and charged to the aviation industry or to the taxpayer.

Notice given 30 July 2008

567 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What is the Government's position on the balance of responsibility between employers and employees in occupational health and safety (OHS) matters.
- (2) Given the recent commitment by the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council to work toward harmonisation and reform of OHS legislation across Australia, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that all states and territories adopt the principle of 'reasonable and practical control'.
- (3) (a) What is the Minister's position on the New South Wales Government's withdrawal of its proposals for reform; and (b) how will the withdrawal affect the Council of Australian Governments commitment.
- (4) What steps will the Government take to ensure that model legislation is uniformly enforced to ensure maximum gains to the economy.

568 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Prior to November 2007, how many people, excluding doctors, volunteered to the department to help with the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER).
- (2) How many people, excluding doctors, completed the single day training course for volunteers for the NTER.
- (3) Were any of these volunteers used in the NTER; if not, why not.
- (4) Were any of these volunteers informed by the department that they would no longer be needed.

Notice given 8 August 2008

569 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In regard to Chapter 2 of the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*, 'Coverage':

- (1) Figure 2.5 (p. 121) compares Australia's emissions with and without Article 3.4 emissions: (a) what activities produce the fluctuations in Australia's total net emissions (from 350 Mt CO₂-e in 1994 to 800 Mt CO₂-e in 2002) when Article 3.4 activities are included; and (b) can a table of the annual emissions for each Article 3.4 activity between 1990 and 2005 be provided.

- (2) With reference to the statement on page 117 of the paper that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in its report *Good Practice Guidance*, 'zero rated' biofuels because emissions are offset by sequestration: (a) where emissions exceed annual sequestration, what is the IPCC recommendation in regard to reporting emissions; (b) what land base and time frame are used to determine whether emissions exceed sequestration; and (c) how does this apply in Australia to native forests, pre-1990 plantations and post-1990 plantations.
- (3) With reference to the estimate of deforestation emissions from 2008 onwards at 44 Mt CO₂-e per annum on page 134 of the paper and in Figure 2.6 and given that deforestation emissions in 2006 were 63 Mt CO₂-e: (a) what is the basis for the projection; and (b) where are the details in the cited reference, *National Greenhouse Gas Inventory*, 2006.

570 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In regard to Appendix D of the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*, 'Analysis of the emissions intensity of Australian industries':

- (1) Why were the industry emission intensities calculated using 'revenue' and not 'value added'.
- (2) Will the Government release a revised table of industry emission intensities calculated using emissions per unit of value added; if not, why not.
- (3) Do the statistics for pulp, paper and paperboard (industry code 2303), sawmill products (industry code 2301), other wood products (industry code 2302), and paper containers and products (industry code 2304) include both the plantation and native forest sectors: (a) if so: (i) why were they not disaggregated for the same reason given for disaggregation in other sectors, namely considerable variation of emissions in sectors within an industry, and (ii) will the Government release revised estimates for the above four industries showing the plantation sector separate from the native forest sector; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what sectors are actually included in the calculations.
- (4) Do the statistics for forestry and logging (industry code 0300) include both the plantation and native forest sectors; if so, why were they not disaggregated for the same reason given for disaggregation in other sectors, namely considerable variation of emissions in sectors within an industry; if not, what sectors are actually included in the calculations.
- (5) The emissions intensities calculated for forestry and logging include emissions net of sequestration: (a) what is the actual emission intensity (excluding sequestration) of forestry and logging in the plantation sector; and (b) what is the actual emission intensity (excluding sequestration) of forestry and logging in the plantation sector.
- (6) Will the Government release revised data showing the emission intensity (excluding sequestration) for native-based forestry and logging calculated using emissions per unit of value added; if not, why not.
- (7) Can a copy be provided of the analysis conducted by the Centre for Integrated Sustainability Analysis, University of Sydney on which the appendix is based.

571 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 439, which stated that ‘the quantities of biomass fuel sources are reportable under NGERs [National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System] when combusted for energy production’, is the carbon content of the biomass fuel required to be reported; if not, where are the carbon emissions from combusted biomass reported under NGERs.
- (2) Under NGERs, is the carbon content of biomass feedstocks required to be reported when processed; if not, where are the carbon emissions from processed biomass feedstocks reported under NGERs.

Notice given 14 August 2008

572 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*:

- (1) (a) What activities constitute: (i) ‘forestry’ in Chapter 2 ‘Coverage’, and (ii) ‘forestry and logging’ in Appendix D ‘Analysis of the emissions intensity of Australian industries’; and (b) specifically, in each case, where do native forest logging pre-1990 plantations and post-1990 plantations fit.
- (2) In Appendix D, what revenue is attributable to post-1990 plantations.
- (3) What proportion of emissions from deforestation are estimated to be due to forestry and logging in: (a) Tasmania; and (b) mainland Australia.
- (4) What proportion of emissions from deforestation are estimated to be due to agriculture in: (a) Tasmania; and (b) mainland Australia.
- (5) Why have deforestation emissions not been allocated to an industry sector when they are such a significant proportion of Australia’s total emissions.

Notice given 25 August 2008

573 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) What specific measures is the Government taking to ensure its climate change advertising/public awareness campaign is reaching deaf and hearing impaired people.
- (2) How much money to date has been spent on education and training in relation to climate change that is designed for deaf and hearing impaired people.
- (3) How much funding has been budgeted for education and training in relation to climate change for deaf and hearing impaired people for the next 12 months.

574 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many new Government websites (i.e. additional ‘.gov.au’ domain names) have been created since 18 December 2007.
- (2) What are these websites.
- (3) Who designed these websites.
- (4) Who updates and maintains the content on each website.
- (5) How many staff in each department are employed to maintain these websites.
- (6) What was the total cost for the design of each website.

- 575 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
- (1) Since the Prime Minister was sworn in, how many Heads of Missions in Australia have met with the Prime Minister.
 - (2) How many times has each Head of Mission met with the Prime Minister.

- 576 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Since the Minister was sworn in, which Heads of Mission have met with the Minister.
- (2) How many times have each Head of Mission met with the Minister.
- (3) In each calendar year since 2005, how many meetings occurred between the Minister (both current and former) and each Head of Mission in Australia.

- 577 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister's travel in August 2008 to China, the Republic of Korea and Singapore:

- (1) For each country visited, what was the total cost of the Prime Minister's: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (2) How many personal staff accompanied the Prime Minister and Ms Rein.
- (3) What was the role of each of the personal staff who travelled with the Prime Minister.
- (4) In regard to staff and family accompanying the Prime Minister, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (5) (a) How many departmental officers accompanied the Prime Minister for all or part of the travel; and (b) for what period did they accompany the Prime Minister.
- (6) In regard to the departmental officers, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (7) How many Olympic events did the Prime Minister, his family, staff and departmental officials attend.
- (8) How many staff, family and departmental officials accompanied the Prime Minister to each individual Olympic sporting event attended in Beijing.

- 578 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries travelled overseas during July and August 2008.
- (2) (a) Which ministers and parliamentary secretaries travelled overseas; (b) where did they travel; and (c) what was the duration of this travel.

- Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 579-614)—

- (1) What are the department's guidelines on the purchasing of carbon offsets for air travel.
- (2) In 2008, how many flights undertaken by departmental officials were carbon offsets purchased, and of these, how many were purchased for: (a) business class fares; and (b) economy class fares.
- (3) In the 2007-08 financial year, what was the additional cost to the department of purchasing carbon offsets for travel.

579 Minister representing the Prime Minister

580 Minister representing the Minister for Education

- 581 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 582 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 583 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 584 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 585 Special Minister of State
- 586 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 587 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 588 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 589 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 590 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 591 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 592 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 593 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 594 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 595 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 596 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 597 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 598 Minister for Human Services
- 599 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 600 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 601 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 602 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 603 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 604 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 605 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 606 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 607 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 608 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 609 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
- 610 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 611 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 612 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 613 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 614 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 615-650)—

- (1) How many departmental officers are working in the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.

- (2) How many of these staff are Departmental Liaison Officers.
- (3) How many departmental officers, on secondment from the department, are in the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary in personal staff positions.

- 615 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 616 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 617 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 618 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 619 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 620 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 621 Special Minister of State
- 622 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 623 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 624 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 625 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 626 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 627 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 628 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 629 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 630 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 631 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 632 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 633 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 634 Minister for Human Services
- 635 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 636 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 637 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 638 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 639 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 640 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 641 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 642 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 643 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 644 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 645 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
- 646 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 647 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 648 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

649 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

650 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 651-686)—

- (1) Did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary within the Minister's portfolio attend any event at the Beijing Olympic Games; if so, which events did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary attend.
- (2) Was the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary accompanied by: (a) family; (b) personal staff; and (c) departmental officials; if so, how many.
- (3) Did any officials from the department attend the Beijing Olympic Games in their capacity as an employee of the Australian Government; if so, how many and in what capacity did they attend.
- (4) In regard to the attendance by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or departmental officials at the Beijing Olympic Games, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.

651 Minister representing the Prime Minister

652 Minister representing the Minister for Education

653 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

654 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

655 Minister representing the Treasurer

656 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

657 Special Minister of State

658 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

659 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

660 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

661 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

662 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

663 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

664 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

665 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

666 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

667 Minister for Climate Change and Water

668 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

669 Minister representing the Attorney-General

670 Minister for Human Services

671 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

672 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

673 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

674 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

675 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

676 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

677 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

- 678 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 679 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 680 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 681 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
- 682 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 683 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 684 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 685 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 686 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 687-722)—Did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary within the Minister's portfolio travel overseas during July or August 2008; if so:

- (1) Where did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travel.
- (2) What was the duration of the travel.
- (3) What was the purpose of the travel.
- (4) For each country visited, what was the total cost to the taxpayer of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (5) How many personal staff accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
- (6) How many family members accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
- (7) In regard to staff and family accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (8) (a) How many departmental officers accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) what was the total cost of their: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

- 687 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 688 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 689 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 690 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 691 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 692 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 693 Special Minister of State
- 694 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 695 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 696 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 697 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 698 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- 699 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 700 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 701 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 702 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 703 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 704 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 705 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 706 Minister for Human Services
- 707 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 708 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 709 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 710 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 711 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 712 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 713 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 714 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 715 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 716 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 717 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
- 718 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 719 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 720 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 721 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 722 Minister representing the Minister for Sport
- 723 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the answer (PM 41) provided on notice to Senator Fierravanti-Wells during the 2008-09 Budget estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Committee:
- (1) (a) How many family, personal staff and departmental officials accompanied the Prime Minister on his travel to: (i) Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan, (ii) East Timor, (iii) Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and (iv) the United States of America, Belgium, Romania, the United Kingdom and China; and (b) what was the role of each personal staff member travelling with the Prime Minister.
 - (2) In regard to the Prime Minister's travel to Japan and Indonesia between 8 June and 14 June 2008: (a) what was the total cost to the taxpayer of the Prime Minister's: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses; (b) how many personal staff accompanied the Prime Minister and Ms Rein; (c) what was the role of each personal staff member; (d) what was the total cost for staff and family travelling with the Prime Minister in relation to: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses; and (e) how many departmental officers accompanied the Prime Minister; and

what was the total cost of their: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

Notice given 27 August 2008

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *724-*725)—With reference to the Prime Minister's visit to New York in early 2008:

- (1) On what dates did the Prime Minister visit New York.
- (2) Where did the Prime Minister stay during his visit.
- (3) Who accompanied the Prime Minister.
- (4) Where did accompanying staff stay during the visit.
- (5) What was the total cost of the visit.
- (6) Have any alterations, refurbishments or décor changes been made to the Australian Mission to the United Nations residence in New York during 2008; if so: (a) what was the nature of these alterations, refurbishments or décor changes; (b) what was the itemised and total cost of these alterations, refurbishments or décor changes; and (c) at whose instigation were these alterations, refurbishments or décor changes made to the residence.

*724 Minister representing the Prime Minister

*725 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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Amendment to an order of continuing effect

1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents

That paragraph (7) of the order be amended to read as follows:

- (7) The Finance and Public Administration Committee consider the ongoing operation of the order and report on relevant developments from time to time.

(Agreed to 1 March 2007 upon adoption of recommendation 13 in the Finance and Public Administration Committee's second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06).)

Committees

2 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

- (1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:
 Omit: ‘Employment, Workplace Relations and Education’
 Substitute: ‘Education, Employment and Workplace Relations’
 Omit: ‘Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts’
 Substitute: ‘Environment, Communications and the Arts’.
- (2) That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury
 Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
 Resources, Energy and Tourism

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications and the Arts

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
 Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
 Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)
 Finance and Deregulation
 Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
 Defence (including Veterans’ Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Attorney-General
 Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

3 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

(Agreed to 18 March 2008.)

4 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

5 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings

That the following order operate as an order of continuing effect:

- (1) The Senate confirms that any disclosure of evidence or documents submitted to a committee, of documents prepared by a committee, or of deliberations of a committee, without the approval of the committee or of the Senate, may be treated by the Senate as a contempt.
- (2) The Senate reaffirms its resolution of 20 June 1996, relating to procedures to be followed by committees in cases of unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings.
- (3) The Senate provides the following guidelines to be observed by committees in applying that resolution, and declares that the Senate will observe the guidelines in determining whether to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:
 1. Unless there are particular circumstances involving actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate, the following kinds of unauthorised disclosure should not be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of a committee report in the time between the substantial conclusion of the committee’s deliberations on the report and its presentation to the Senate;
 - (b) disclosure of other documents prepared by a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event, or where they contain only research or publicly-available material, or where their disclosure is otherwise inconsequential;
 - (c) disclosure of documents and evidence submitted to a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event;
 - (d) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where the freedom of the committee to deliberate is unlikely to be significantly affected.
 2. The following kinds of unauthorised disclosure are those for which the contempt jurisdiction of the Senate should primarily be reserved, and which should therefore be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of documents or evidence submitted to a committee where the committee has deliberately decided to treat the documents or evidence as in camera material, for the protection of witnesses or others, or because disclosure would otherwise be harmful to the public interest;
 - (b) disclosure of documents prepared by a committee where that involves disclosure of material of the kind specified in paragraph (a);

- (c) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where that involves disclosure of that kind of material, or significantly impedes the committee's freedom to deliberate.
3. An unauthorised disclosure not falling into the categories in guidelines 1 and 2 should not be raised as a matter of privilege unless it involves actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate.
 4. When considering any unauthorised disclosure of material in the possession of a committee, the committee should consider whether there was any substantive reason for not publishing that material.
- (4) Before deciding to raise a matter of privilege involving possible unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, any committee may seek the guidance of the Committee of Privileges as to whether a matter should be pursued. If the committee decides that such a matter should be raised, it must consult with the Committee of Privileges before taking the matter further.
 - (5) When applying this resolution a committee shall have regard to the matters set out in paragraphs 3.43 to 3.59 of the 122nd Report of the Committee of Privileges, June 2005.

(Sessional order agreed to on 6 October 2005 adopted as an order of continuing effect on 17 September 2007.)

6 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a member of a committee appointed under standing order 25 is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also 'Meeting of the Senate' below.)

Estimates

7 2007-08 Additional estimates—2008-09 Budget estimates—Hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by standing committees for 2008 be scheduled as follows:

2007-08 additional estimates:

Monday, 18 February and Tuesday, 19 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group A*)
 Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group B*).

2008-09 Budget estimates:

Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May and, if required, Friday, 30 May (*Group A*)
 Monday, 2 June to Thursday, 5 June and, if required, Friday, 6 June (*Group B*)

Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October, and if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
 Wednesday, 22 October and Wednesday, 23 October and, if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

(2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment, Communications and the Arts
 Finance and Public Administration
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs
 Economics
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Tuesday, 18 March 2008 in respect of the 2007-08 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 24 June 2008 in respect of the 2008-09 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

8 2007-08 Additional estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2007-08 additional estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 10 April 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 4 April 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Wednesday, 2 April 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Wednesday, 9 April 2008

Group B:

Community Affairs	Friday, 11 April 2008
Economics	Friday, 11 April 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 11 April 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 10 April 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

9 2008-09 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2008-09 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 31 July 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 11 July 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Thursday, 10 July 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Friday, 18 July 2008

Group B:

Community Affairs	Friday, 1 August 2008
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Economics	Friday, 1 August 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 1 August 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 31 July 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

Meeting of Senate

10 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2008 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 12 February to Thursday, 14 February

Autumn sittings (2):

Tuesday, 11 March to Thursday, 13 March

Monday, 17 March to Thursday, 20 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June

Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 26 August to Thursday, 28 August

Monday, 1 September to Thursday, 4 September

Monday, 15 September to Thursday, 18 September

Monday, 22 September to Thursday, 25 September

Monday, 13 October to Thursday, 16 October

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 10 November to Thursday, 13 November

Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November

Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

11 Adjournment debate on Tuesday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Committees’ above.)

12 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Committees’ above.)

***13 Routine of business—First speeches**

That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

- (a) Wednesday, 27 August 2008—Senators Pratt, Xenophon and Bilyk;
- (b) Monday, 1 September 2008—Senators Cameron, Hanson-Young and Feeney;
- (c) Tuesday, 2 September 2008—Senators Furner and Cash;
- (d) Wednesday, 3 September 2008—Senators Farrell and Arbib;
- (e) Monday, 15 September 2008—Senators Williams and Kroger; and
- (f) Tuesday, 16 September 2008—Senators Ryan and Ludlam.

(Agreed to 27 August 2008.)

Orders for production of documents**14 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That the Senate:
 - (a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;
 - (b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and
 - (c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.
- (2) That this order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)

15 Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 19 June 2008, the red folder brandished by the Minister which he claims contains details of ‘problematic’ defence procurement projects.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 15 May 2008; document tabled 19 June 2008.)

16 Sport—Sports and recreation facilities—Grants—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table, no later than 5 pm on 23 June 2008, a list of the commitments made by the Government during the election period to provide grants for sports and recreation facilities, which are being administered by the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, showing the recipients, locations and amounts of the grants.

(Motion of Senator Bernardi agreed to 17 June 2008; document tabled 23 June 2008.)

17 Administration—Departmental and agency appointments—Order for production of documents

That—

- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:
 - (a) a list of all appointments made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies including the term of the appointment and remuneration for the position; and
 - (b) a list of existing vacancies to be filled by government appointment to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.
- (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
- (3) This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)

18 Administration—Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents

That—

- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.
- (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
- (3) This order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)

19 Defence—Defence procurement—Order for production of document

That—

- (a) the Senate notes that:
- (i) the response from the Minister from Defence, the Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon MP, of 16 June 2008 to a Senate order for production of documents advised that ‘the documents in question are “Restricted” and “Commercial in Confidence” and as such I will not be making them available to the Special Minister of State for tabling in the Senate’, and
 - (ii) the procedural order of continuing effect relating to accountability provides that ‘The Senate...shall not entertain any claim to withhold information...on the grounds that it is commercial-in-confidence, unless the claim is...accompanied by a statement setting out the basis for the claim, including a statement of any commercial harm that may result from the disclosure of the information’; and
- (b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 26 June 2008, a statement of the commercial harm that would result from the disclosure of the commercial-in-confidence information in the red folder relating to defence procurement projects.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 25 June 2008; document tabled 26 June 2008.)

***20 Environment—Coorong and Lower Lakes—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than noon on Thursday, 28 August 2008, the ‘urgent advice’ prepared for the Minister for Climate Change and Water by her department as requested on 18 June 2008 on ‘what we can do in the short-term’ to address the dire situation confronting the Coorong and Lower Lakes in South Australia.

(Motion of Senators Bernardi, Birmingham, Ferguson and Fisher and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 27 August 2008.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General’s reports—Consideration

- 1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Government documents

4 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

Senator Xenophon

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon
- To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon
- To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Questions without notice

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon
- To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)
Senator Xenophon

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Senators Barnett, Bishop, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Forshaw, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Marshall, McEwen, Moore, Parry, Troeth and Trood

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

- **Legislative and General Purpose**
 - Community Affairs
 - Economics
 - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - Environment, Communications and the Arts
 - Finance and Public Administration
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
 - Regulations and Ordinances
 - Scrutiny of Bills

- **Standing (Domestic)**

- Appropriations and Staffing
- House
- Library
- Privileges
- Procedure
- Publications
- Selection of Bills
- Senators' Interests

Select Committees

- Agricultural and Related Industries
- Fuel and Energy
- Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
- National Broadband Network
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
- State Government Financial Management

Joint Committees

- **Standing**

- Electoral Matters
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
- Migration
- National Capital and External Territories
- Parliamentary Library
- Treaties

- **Statutory**

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Australian Crime Commission
- Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
- Corporations and Financial Services
- Intelligence and Security
- Public Accounts and Audit
- Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.



COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/index.htm

(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 15 May 2008; reporting date varied 15 May 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008)

Members

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator O'Brien (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fisher, Milne, Nash and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiry

Food production in Australia (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2009*)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm

Members

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Nash, Parry and Sherry

Reports presented

45th report—Department of the Senate's budget; Ordinary annual services of the government; Parliamentary computer network (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

46th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm

Members

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron and Parry and Mr Clare, Mr Hayes and Mr Pyne

Current inquiry

Law enforcement integrity models (*adopted 15 May 2008*)

Report presented

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Mr Wood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Parry and Polley and Mr Champion, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes and Mr Pyne

Current inquiries

Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007 (adopted 17 March 2008)

Legislative arrangement to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

Report presented

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbsp/index.htm>

Members

The President, the Speaker, and Senators Cormann and O'Brien and Mr Hale, Mr Hawker, Mr Hayes, Mr Lindsay and Mr Price

Community Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Boyce, Carol Brown, Humphries and Lundy

Substitute member

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; interim report presented 19 June 2008; final reporting date: 25 September 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*)

Special disability trusts (*referred 15 May 2008; reporting date: 18 September 2008*)

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (*referred 17 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008] (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Mental health services in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

A matter relating to the PET review of 2000 (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm

Members

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Boyce, Coonan and Marshall and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Ms Owens, and Mr Robert

Current inquiries

Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*statutory responsibility*)

Franchising Code of Conduct (*adopted 25 June 2008*)

Report presented

Better shareholders – better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Economics—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Treasury; Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; Resources, Energy and Tourism

Members

Senator Hurley (*Chair*), Senator Eggleston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Cameron, Furner, Joyce and Pratt

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*)

Australia's space science and industry sector (*referred 19 March 2008; interim report presented 23 June 2008; final reporting date: no later than October 2008*)

Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008, A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008, National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008; interim report presented 27 August 2008*)

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2008*)

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of November 2008*)

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

Reports presented

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 and National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Interim report (*presented to the President on 11 February 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Australia's mandatory last resort home warranty insurance schemes—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] and Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

- Australia's space science and industry sector—Interim report (*tabled 23 June 2008*)
 Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
 Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
 Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)
 Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)
 Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)
- * Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
 - * Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
 - * National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*tabled 27 August 2008*)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_ctte/index.htm

(formerly *Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*; name amended 13 February 2008)

Portfolio

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Cash, Collins, Crossin, Fisher, Humphries and Siewert

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Academic freedom in school and higher education (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 11 November 2008*)

Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 20 March 2009*)

Reports presented

Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Morrison (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Hutchins and Ronaldson and Mr Danby, Mr Scott and Mr Sullivan

Current inquiries

2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008*)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008 for inquiry in conjunction with the committee's 2007 Federal Election inquiry; reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Report presented

Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008—Advisory report (*tabled 17 June 2008*)

Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_ctte/index.htm

(formerly *Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; name amended 13 February 2008*)

Portfolios

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Members

Senator McEwen (*Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Ludlam, Lundy, Parry, Pratt, Williams and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date: 3 September 2008*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2008*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)
 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)
 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)
 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 9 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)
 Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)
 The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (*tabled 19 June 2008*)
 Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
 Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media (*tabled 26 June 2008*)
 Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Marshall, on 15 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)
 Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*presented to the President on 25 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change); Finance and Deregulation; Human Services

Members

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator Fifield (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Fierravanti-Wells, Moore and Ryan

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiry

Lobbying code of conduct (*referred 14 May 2008; reporting date: 3 September 2008*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation
Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Bishop, Cormann, Ferguson, Fifield, Moore, O'Brien, Payne and Trood and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Mirabella, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, Mr Robb, Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott, Mr KJ Thomson and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families (*referred 21 May 2008*)
Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America
(*referred 4 June 2008*)
Australia's relationship with ASEAN (*referred 25 June 2008*)

Report presented

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm

Portfolios

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Members

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cormann, Feeney, Forshaw, Kroger and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 22 June 2006; readopted 14 February 2008*)
Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 30 May 2009*)

Reports presented

The changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report (*presented to the President on 19 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)
 Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)
 Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
 Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 31 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)
 Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 1 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 25 June 2008; reporting date: 21 October 2009*)

Members

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Joyce and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Johnston, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

House—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President, and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley

Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 14 February 2008; final report tabled 16 June 2008*)

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), and Senators Colbeck, Fifield, Lundy and Moore

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood and Wortley

Report presented

A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

Members

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Forshaw, Marshall, McGauran and Nash and Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus and Mr Melham

Current inquiries

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 6 – Australian intelligence agencies (*statutory responsibility*)

Reports presented

Review of the re-listing of three terrorist organisations (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) (*tabled 25 June 2008*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Barnett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Farrell, Feeney, Fisher, Hanson-Young, Marshall and Trood

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner*)

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (*referred 26 June 2008*)

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*)

Reports presented

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 6 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Library—Standing Committee*Members*

The President (*Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Hutchins and Trood

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Mr Danby (*Chair*), Mrs DS Vale (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Eggleston, Hanson-Young and McEwen and Ms D'Ath, Mr Georgiou, Mr Randall and Mr Zappia

Current inquiry

Immigration detention (*adopted 29 May 2008; replaces the inquiry into the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre adopted on 13 March 2008*)

National Broadband Network—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 25 June 2008; reporting date: 30 March 2009*)

Members

Senator Fisher (*Chair*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Lundy, Macdonald, Nash and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Senator Lundy (*Chair*), Mr Secker (*Deputy Chair*), and the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Crossin, Humphries and Joyce and Mr Adams, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Neville and Mr Turnour

Report presented

The way forward: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, on 16 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpl/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Hutchins and Trood and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Butler, Mr Hawker, Ms Jackson, Mrs Mirabella and Mr Perrett

Privileges—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Collins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Hurley, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

Reports presented

133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

134th report—Effective repetition (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig, Parry and Siewert

Publications—Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/publ/index.htm>

Members

Senator Carol Brown (*Chair*) and Senators Bernardi, Feeney, Marshall, Mason, Parry and Sterle

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

3rd report (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaad/index.htm>

Members

Ms Grierson (*Chair*), Mr Georgiou (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Boyce, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradbury, Mr Butler, Ms King, Mr Morrison, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert

Current inquiries

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation (*adopted 1 March 2006; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Review of Auditor-General's reports (*statutory responsibility*)

Effects of the ongoing efficiency dividend on smaller public sector agencies (*adopted 4 June 2008*)

Report presented

Report 410—Tax administration (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Committee document presented

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm>

Members

Mr Butler (*Chairman*), Senator Troeth (*Vice-Chairman*), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion, Mr Forrest, Mr Hale, Mr Lindsay and Mr Slipper

Reports presented

- Seventy-first annual report (First report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
HMAS *Creswell* redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory (Second report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegeetta, Victoria (Third report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan (Fourth report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
Referrals tabled March 2008 (Fifth report of 2008) (*tabled 25 June 2008*)
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Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 19 March 2008; reporting dates: 30 September 2008, 30 March 2009, 30 September 2009, 30 March 2010 and 30 September 2010*)

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Moore, Scullion and Siewert

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Wortley (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cormann and Moore

Documents presented

- Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February 2007 to March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)
Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2007, dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)
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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Sterle (*Chair*), Senator Milne (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Heffernan, Hurley, Hutchins, McGauran, Nash and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (*referred 19 September 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

Meat marketing (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 29 May 2008; interim report presented 9 July 2008 proposing a final reporting date of 28 August 2008*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2008*)

Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (*referred 26 June 2008; interim report presented 22 August 2008; final reporting date: 28 August 2008*)

- * Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (*referred 27 August 2008; reporting date for matters specified in part (1): no later than 30 September 2008; reporting date for matters specified in part (2): no later than 4 December 2008*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 24 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, on 9 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

Members

Senator Ellison (*Chairman*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Cameron, Collins and Troeth

Alert Digests presented

- No. 1 of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)
- No. 2 of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
- No. 3 of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)
- No. 4 of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)
- No. 5 of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)
- No. 6 of 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)
- * No. 7 of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)

Reports presented

- First report of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)
 - Second report of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)
 - Third report of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)
 - Fourth report of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)
 - Fifth report of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)
 - The work of the committee during the 40th Parliament: February 2002 – August 2004 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)
 - Sixth report of 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)
 - * Seventh report of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
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Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip, and Senators Adams, Ellison, Ludwig and McEwen

Reports presented

- Report no. 1 of 2008 (*presented 14 February 2008*)
 - Report no. 2 of 2008 (*presented 12 March 2008*)
 - Report no. 3 of 2008 (*presented 19 March 2008*)
 - Report no. 4 of 2008 (*presented 14 May 2008*)
 - Report no. 5 of 2008 (*presented 18 June 2008*)
 - Report no. 6 of 2008 (*presented 25 June 2008*)
 - Report no. 7 of 2008 (*presented 26 June 2008*)
 - * Report no. 8 of 2008 (*presented 27 August 2008*)
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Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Fifield, Forshaw, Humphries and Pratt

Notifications of alterations of interests

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June 2007 and 7 December 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 December 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 8 December 2007 and 23 June 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)

Report presented

Report 1/2008: Annual report 2007 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

Document presented

Registration of Senators' Interests: A handbook for senators, also incorporating related information on registering gifts to the Senate and the Parliament, 2008 edition (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

State Government Financial Management—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 14 February 2008; reporting date varied 12 March, 20 March 2008 and 27 August 2008; reporting date: 17 September 2008*)

Members

Senator Macdonald (*Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Bushby, Forshaw and Polley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, McGauran, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Andrews, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Ms Neal, Ms Parke, Mr Simpkins, Mr Trevor and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiry

All treaties tabled in the Senate

Reports presented

Report 90—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2008 (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Report 92—Treaty tabled on 4 June 2008 (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

Report 91—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2008 (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Lundy (*appointed 12 March 2008, for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Trood (*appointed 13 June 2007, for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators O'Brien and Ferguson (*appointed 12 March 2008 and 1 July 2008, respectively*).

HARRY EVANS

Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing Minister for Sport
Senator the Honourable John Faulkner <i>Special Minister of State</i> <i>Cabinet Secretary</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Defence Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy <i>Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Treasurer Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Assistant Treasurer
Senator the Honourable Kim Carr <i>Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	Minister for Education Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>) <i>Minister for Climate Change and Water</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Minister for the Status of Women Minister for Employment Participation Minister for Youth
Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>) <i>Minister for Human Services</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law</i>	Minister for Finance and Deregulation Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Tourism Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
Parliamentary Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion</i>	
Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing</i>	

In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.

GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

Matters of privilege take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses—adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents—adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Business for future consideration lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Bills referred to committees lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

Questions on notice includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of the autumn and spring sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and at: www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.