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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notice of Motion

Notice given 10 March 2009

- *1 **Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 14 April 2009:
The exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**
First 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 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**
Final report to be presented on the exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008.
- 4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**
Final report to be presented on the Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Fair Work Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 10 March 2009*).
- 2 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 May 2008*).
- 3 **Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 February 2009*).

- 4 **Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 February 2009*).
- 5 **Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- 6 **Tax Agent Services Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- *7 **Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2008-2009**
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2008-2009—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- *8 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 6) Bill 2009**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 9 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*3 December 2008*).
- 10 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 5 February 2009*).
- 11 **Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- 12 **Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008**—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- *13 **Customs Amendment (Enhanced Border Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- *14 **Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 15 **Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008**—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).

- 16 **Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008**—
(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 February 2009*).
- 17 **Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- 18 **Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 February 2009*).
- 19 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- 20 **Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*26 November 2008*).
- 21 **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 (Senator Stephens), 15 May 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 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 10 March 2009*).
- 2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee—Report: Australia's public diplomacy: Building our image—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Trood—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Trood, in continuation, 5 February 2009*).
- 3 **Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—First report of 2009**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chairman of the committee (Senator Coonan)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Coonan, in continuation, 4 February 2009*).

- 4 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee—Report—Allegations of academic bias in universities and schools**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Humphries, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).
- 5 **Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).
- 6 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).
- 7 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Crossin, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).
- 8 **Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Pratt, in continuation, 3 December 2008*).
- 9 **Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Hurley, 2 December 2008*).
- 10 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 2 December 2008*).
- 11 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Interim report**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Nash, in continuation, 2 December 2008*).
- 12 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Polley)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 13 November 2008*).
- 13 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008, Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).

14 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Towards recovery: Mental health services in Australia

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, 13 November 2008*).

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

1 Auditor-General—Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 13 November 2008*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 9 of 2008-09—Assurance report—Defence Materiel Organisation major projects report 2007-08

Consideration (*27 November 2008*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 10 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Administration of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 (SIP) Scheme—Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

Consideration (*2 December 2008*).

4 Australian National Audit Office—Independent Auditor (KPMG)—Performance audit—Human resource management, dated December 2008

Consideration (*3 December 2008*).

5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Disability employment services—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Consideration (*4 December 2008*).

6 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Government agencies' management of their websites—Australian Bureau of Statistics; Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Consideration (*3 February 2009*).

7 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 14 of 2008-09—Financial statement audit—Audits of the financial statements of Australian Government entities for the period ended 30 June 2008

Consideration (*3 February 2009*).

8 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 15 of 2008-09—Performance audit—The Australian Institute of Marine Science's management of its Co-investment Research Program—Australian Institute of Marine Science

Consideration (*3 February 2009*).

- 9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 16 of 2008-09—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s administration of business continuity management—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (3 February 2009).
- 10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 17 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Administration of Job Network outcome payments—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (3 February 2009).
- 11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 18 of 2008-09—Performance audit—The administration of grants under the Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program—Department of Finance and Deregulation**
Consideration (3 February 2009).
- 12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 19 of 2008-09—Performance audit—CMAX Communications contract for the 2020 Summit—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**
Consideration (4 February 2009).
- 13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Approval of funding for public works**
Consideration (5 February 2009).
- 14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 21 of 2008-09—Performance audit—The approval of small and medium sized business system projects—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Health and Ageing; Department of Veterans’ Affairs**
Consideration (10 February 2009).
- *15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 22 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Centrelink’s complaints handling system—Centrelink**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2008-09—Performance audit—The administration of contracting arrangements in relation to government advertising to November 2007—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Department of Finance and Deregulation; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Health and Ageing; Attorney-General’s Department**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 23 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Management of the Collins-class operations sustainment—Department of Defence**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
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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 24 September 2008

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

(a) notes:

- (i) the claims of both the Managers of Government Business in the Senate and the House of Representatives that the Government's legislative priority for the sitting week beginning 22 September 2008 is the passage of its budget-related bills, and
 - (ii) that the Government has deferred consideration of its supposed priority bills on numerous occasions throughout the past three sitting weeks; and
- (b) calls on the Government to give precedence to the following bills over other legislation:

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and a related bill.

Notice given 13 October 2008

- 233 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That there be laid on the table by 1 November 2009 a report by the Productivity Commission on:
- (a) the total number and proportion of privately insured patients, in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued, who were fully informed of the cost of hospital and specialist services before providing consent for treatment, in both public and private hospitals;
 - (b) the comparative hospital, and medical, costs for each defined group of clinically similar procedures, as per the classification of Australian Refined Diagnostic Related Groups, as performed by the public and private hospital sectors separately in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued; and
 - (c) the rate (i.e. the number and proportion of all admissions) of hospital-acquired infections, by type, reported by individual public and private hospitals in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued.

Notice given 3 February 2009

- 340 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
 - (i) the recent decision by the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, to overturn the global gag rule for family planning guidelines that effectively prohibits the use of aid funding for some contraceptives, and for abortion advice and services, and
 - (ii) that Australia is now the only country that continues to enforce these harsh restrictions on our aid program, limiting its ability to provide an effective and essential family planning service;
 - (b) recognises:
 - (i) the essential role mothers play in developing communities, with both maternal and child health considered crucial Millennium Development Goals, and
 - (ii) that an estimated 34 000 mothers die in our region each year, due to the lack of maternal health supports available, with more than half of the 29 developing countries not on track to achieve either goal; and
 - (c) calls on the Rudd Government to stand up for women's rights and immediately abolish the family planning guidelines that prevent Australian aid money from being spent on contraception and family planning advice.

Notice given 10 March 2009

- *363 **Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee (Senator Marshall):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee on Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change be extended to 17 September 2009.

- *364 **Chair of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (Senator McEwen):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the first report of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee on the effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities be extended to 18 March 2009.
- *365 **Senator Lundy:** To move—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, from 11 am to 1 pm, and Thursday, 19 March 2009, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee’s review of Auditor-General’s reports.
- *366 **Chair of the Community Affairs Committee (Senator Moore):** To move—That the Community Affairs Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 3.30 pm:
- (a) on Thursday, 12 March 2009, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia; and
 - (b) on Thursday, 19 March 2009, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia.
- *367 **Chair of the Community Affairs Committee (Senator Moore):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs Committee on the provisions of the Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and a related bill be extended to 16 March 2009.
- *368 **Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee (Senator Bishop):** To move—That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 12 March 2009, from 4.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.
- *369 **Senators Milne and Abetz:** To move—
- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Climate Policy, be established to inquire into and report by 14 May 2009 on:
 - (a) the choice of emissions trading as the central policy to reduce Australia’s carbon pollution, taking into account the need to:
 - (i) reduce carbon pollution at the lowest economic cost,
 - (ii) put in place long-term incentives for investment in clean energy and low-emission technology, and
 - (iii) contribute to a global solution to climate change;
 - (b) the relative contributions to overall emission reduction targets from complementary measures such as renewable energy feed-in laws, energy efficiency and the protection or development of terrestrial carbon stores such as native forests and soils;
 - (c) whether the Government’s Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is environmentally effective, in particular, with regard to the adequacy or otherwise of the Government’s 2020 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets in avoiding dangerous climate change;
 - (d) an appropriate mechanism for determining what a fair and equitable contribution to the global emission reduction effort would be;

- (e) whether the design of the proposed scheme will send appropriate investment signals for green collar jobs, research and development, and the manufacturing and service industries, taking into account permit allocation, leakage, compensation mechanisms and additionality issues; and
 - (f) any related matter.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 senators, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, 4 nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens and 1 nominated by the independent senators.
- (3) That:
 - (a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;
 - (b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and
 - (c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.
- (4) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
- (5) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and, as deputy chair, a member nominated by the Australian Greens.
- (6) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.
- (7) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and the deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.
- (8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
- (11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

- (12) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

*370 **Senators Abetz, Colbeck, Parry, Bushby and Barnett:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) that the inquiry into the establishment of an Australian Football League (AFL) team for Tasmania being undertaken by the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee has only received 2 submissions since the reference was referred on 28 August 2008 and is yet to hold hearings,
 - (ii) that discussions are ongoing between the Tasmanian Government and the AFL regarding a future Tasmanian AFL team, and
 - (iii) the comments of the Tasmanian Government that they do not intend to make a submission to the inquiry;
- (b) further notes the comments of the Tasmanian Government that a submission to this inquiry could jeopardise negotiations with the AFL regarding a future Tasmanian AFL team; and
- (c) directs the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to discontinue its inquiry into the establishment of an AFL team for Tasmania immediately.

*371 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate meet from Monday, 6 April, to Thursday, 9 April 2009.

*372 **Senator Abetz:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes with concern recent developments in the Tasmanian red meat industry; and
- (b) calls on Swift Australia Pty Ltd to deal fairly with the Australian hide and skin company Cuthbertson Brothers Pty Ltd, and others, in its operation of its Tasmanian abattoirs.

*373 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 8 March was International Women's Day (IWD),
- (ii) this global day of action was established to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future, and
- (iii) IWD is now an official holiday in China, Armenia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam;

(b) recognises that:

- (i) for more than 30 years, Australian women have been campaigning for the introduction of paid parental leave, and
- (ii) Australia and the United States of America are now the only two Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development countries yet to formally legislate on a paid parental leave scheme; and

- (c) calls on the Rudd Government, as part of their election promises and their commitment to Australian families, to support the introduction of a paid parental leave scheme in the upcoming 2009 Budget.

Notice of motion altered on 10 March 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.

*374 **Senator Cormann:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the Prime Minister's stated commitment before the 2007 Federal election that Federal Labor would retain the 'existing private health insurance rebates, including the 30 per cent general rebate and the 35 and 40 per cent rebates for older Australians' as well as the commitment to 'maintain Lifetime Health Cover and the Medicare Levy Surcharge',
 - (ii) the government's reaffirmation of those commitments during its first Senate Estimates as the new government in February 2008, and on other occasions,
 - (iii) revelations that since the election of the Rudd Government work has been done by both Treasury and the Department of Health and Ageing on options and/or recommendations for scrapping the private health insurance rebate and other options for change to the rebate and Lifetime Health Cover, and
 - (iv) the departmental records listing for the Department of Health and Ageing for the period 1 July 2008 until 31 December 2008 listing six specific ideas and policy development papers on changes to private health insurance in general and Lifetime Health Cover in particular;
- (b) considers publication of those policy development ideas to be in the public interest; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister Representing the Minister for Health and Ageing by no later than 12 pm on 16 March, the following documents:
- (i) 2008/039344 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – ACPHI,
 - (ii) 2008/043077 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt2 – ACPHI,
 - (iii) 2008/048024 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt3 – ACPHI,
 - (iv) 2008/058144 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt4 – ACPHI,
 - (v) 2008/066297 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Policy Development & Implementation (PD&I) Section – ACPHI, and
 - (vi) 2008/021657 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) – Loading Waiver Provision – Private Health Insurance Act 2007 – ACPHI.

*375 **Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann):** To move—That the Senate—

(1) Notes:

- (a) that the government has not complied with the order of the Senate made on 4 February 2009, ordering the production of certain unpublished information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
- (b) the government's statement to the Senate on 11 February 2009 expressing the 'belief' that the provision of some of the documents requested would cause substantial commercial harm to organisations that were contracted to assist Treasury;
- (c) that the claim of commercial harm cited by the government in its refusal to release the required information relates to only part of the information requested and that no explanation was provided as to why all of the other information not covered by the claim of commercial harm should not be provided for scrutiny by the Senate;
- (d) the evidence to the committee in this regard by Professor McKibbin, one of the consultants contracted by Treasury for its modelling, that in his view models developed with public funding should be publicly available;
- (e) that the committee has received correspondence from Monash University, one of the two organisations the government indicated in its statement would be exposed to substantial commercial harm were the requested information to be released, which states that "*the University wishes to assist (the Fuel and Energy Committee) in every way possible*", and that the University Solicitors would work with the creators of the Monash Multi-Regional Forecasting model "*to identify the manner and nature of disclosure that will meet the Committee's needs as far as possible while protecting the University's interests*";
- (f) the correspondence received from Purdue University, the other organisation mentioned in the government's statement, which explains that the simple purchase of a licence would avoid any commercial harm;
- (g) the evidence of the WA Department of Treasury and Finance indicating that they had also been unsuccessful in obtaining access to relevant modelling information, which was preventing them from providing proper and informed advice on the economic impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme in Western Australia to the government in that state; and
- (h) the ongoing concerns expressed by a wide variety of stakeholders about the inadequacy of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;

(2) Considers that:

- (a) irrespective of the government's statement in the Senate on 11 February 2009 it is in the public interest that all the underlying information used by Treasury in its modelling be available to help facilitate proper scrutiny by the Senate of the impact of the government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;

- (b) models used in the modelling exercise developed using public funding ought to be publicly available; and
 - (c) where the public release of information is likely to cause significant commercial harm to an external organisation every effort ought to be made to prevent that harm while not preventing the Senate from fulfilling its proper role to scrutinise the activities and proposals of government;
- (3) Orders that the following information be produced to the Senate Select Committee on Fuel and Energy by noon on Friday 13 March 2009:
- (a) the information referred to in paragraph (b) of the Senate's order for documents of 4 February 2009 relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
 - (b) any other information not published and not covered by (a) relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, including but not limited to:
 - (i) any information and documents generated by the government for the purpose of the composition of the information covered by (a),
 - (ii) for the two scenarios modelled for the CPRS (CPRS -5 per cent and the CPRS -15 per cent) and the reference scenario, the time series data per annum to 2050 for all states and territories of the following:
 - a) Industry growth output in millions of dollars,
 - b) Employment numbers,
 - c) Gross State Product,
 - d) Emissions, and
 - e) Household CPI changes,
 - (iii) the data from (ii), a), b) and c) broken down by region where applicable, and
 - (iv) any substrate data of gross industry output by the above regions.
- (4) That the committee may make the information described in paragraph (3) available to the person contracted by the committee and referred to in paragraph (a) of the Senate's order of 4 February 2009, and any person appointed by the leader of a party in the Senate or an independent senator, duly notified to the committee, to examine that information and report to that senator.
- (5) That the committee, any senator and any other person referred to in paragraph (4) treat the information produced in accordance with paragraph (3)(a) of this order as confidential, and not publish the information to any other person except as authorised by this order.
- (6) That the committee may refer to the information produced to it in accordance with this order and any conclusions reached from it in a report to the Senate, but shall not disclose the information in such a report.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

- 1 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 2 **Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation (Land & Water Australia)—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 3 **Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 4 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 5 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 6 **Airservices Australia—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 7 **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 8 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2007-08, including State of the Wet Tropics report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 9 **Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 10 **Australian Customs Service—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 11 **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2007-08**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).

- 12 **Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Reports for 2007-08—**
 - Volume 1—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**
 - Volume 2—Legislation**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 13 **National Transport Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 13 November 2008*).
- 14 **Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 15 **Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 16 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 17 **Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (Teaching Australia)—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 18 **Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 19 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 20 **Australian Fair Pay Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 21 **Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Boyce, 13 November 2008*).
- 22 **Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2007-08—Correction**

Consideration (*24 November 2008*).
- 23 **National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2007-08**

Consideration (*24 November 2008*).
- 24 **Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08**

Consideration (*24 November 2008*).

- 25 **Australian River Co. Limited—Report for 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 26 **Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (Screenrights)—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 27 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 28 **Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 29 **General Practice Education and Training Limited—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 30 **Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2007-08 on the operation of the Act**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 31 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 481/08 to 491/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 24 November 2008**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 32 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 481/08 to 491/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 33 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Crime Commission**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 34 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 35 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (25 November 2008).
- 36 **Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004—Report on financial assistance granted to each state in respect of 2007**
Consideration (26 November 2008).
- 37 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Customs Service**
Consideration (26 November 2008).
- 38 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (26 November 2008).

- 39 **Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (26 November 2008).
- 40 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation on the Security of Information, done At New York on 26 September 2007**
Consideration (26 November 2008).
- 41 **Australian Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 42 **Telstra Sale Company Limited—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 43 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 49: Administrative accountability in business areas subject to complex and specific regulation, dated November 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 44 **Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel Selection Committee—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 45 **Snowy Hydro Limited—Financial report for the period 1 July 2007 to 28 June 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 46 **Skills Australia—Report for the period 20 March to 30 June 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 47 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 48 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 49 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008**
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 50 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 51 **ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (3 December 2008).

- 52 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 53 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 13 December 2006**
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 54 **Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 55 **Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 56 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 57 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008**
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 58 **Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2007-08—Correction**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 3 February 2009*).
- *59 **Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook—2008-09—Update, February 2009—Statement by the Treasurer (Mr Swan) and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Mr Tanner)**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *60 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instruments—Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) and Work in Fishing Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199)**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *61 **Innovation Australia—Report for the period 27 September 2007 to 30 June 2008**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *62 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra's compliance with price control arrangements—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *63 **Australian Electoral Commission—2009 redistribution of Tasmania into electoral divisions—Report, together with map and compact disc**
Consideration (10 March 2009).

- *64 **IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited and IIF Neo Pty Limited—Reports for 2007-08**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *65 **National Environment Protection Council—Report for 2007-08**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *66 **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2007-08—Addendum**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *67 **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report for 2007-08 on the operations of the Act**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *68 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *69 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Defence portfolio (including Department of Veterans' Affairs)**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *70 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *71 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *72 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *73 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *74 **Estimates of proposed supplementary additional expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements no. 2—Portfolios and executive departments—Treasury portfolio**
Consideration (10 March 2009).

- *75 **Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Energy use in the Australian Government’s operations—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (10 March 2009).
- *76 **Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional telecommunications review: Framework for the future—Government statement of response**
Consideration (10 March 2009).

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).
- 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).
- 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).
- 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 (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 4 September 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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 document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 62 **Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Johnston)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 63 **Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 64 **Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 65 **Family and Community Services—Cost of living pressures**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bernardi—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 (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 66 **Flags (Protection of Australian Flags) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Barnett)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 3 September 2008*).
- 67 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 68 **ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 69 **Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Minchin)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 70 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).

71 Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).

72 Economics—Management of the economy

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fifield—That the Senate condemns the Rudd Government for its reckless management of the Australian economy in a time of global economic challenge, including:

- (a) the Government's irresponsibility in talking down the Australian economy;
- (b) the massive collapse in consumer and business confidence since the election of the Rudd Government;
- (c) the delivery of a budget that forecasts an increase in unemployment;
- (d) the Government's raising of inflationary expectations and failure to honour its promise to address cost of living pressures; and
- (e) the absence of a coherent economic strategy and a focus on presentation rather than policy (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 18 September 2008*).

73 Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 24 September 2008*).

74 Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).

75 Environment—Caring for our country—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).

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

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery (Senator Arbib), in continuation, 13 November 2008*).

78 Renewable Energy Amendment (Increased Mandatory Renewable Energy Target) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 27 November 2008*).

80 Administration—The first national security statement to the Australian Parliament—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Abetz—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Abetz, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).



BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On the next day of sitting (12 March 2009)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2008.

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

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

On 13 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009, and a related matter.

On 16 March 2009

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.*

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 9 February 2009.

On 17 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2008-09 additional estimates.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2008**

Consideration in committee of the whole (*4 December 2008*).

On 19 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines.

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

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

On the last sitting day of March 2009 (19 March 2009)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children.

2 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

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

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 27 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

79 **Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Birmingham)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 3 December 2008*).

On 30 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

On 24 April 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Final 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.

On 29 April 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on residential and community aged care in Australia.

On 30 April 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

*1 **Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).

On 12 May 2009

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 3 February 2009

1 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 29 May 2009:

Australia's climate change response, with particular reference to:

- (a) the adequacy or otherwise of the Government's greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 5 per cent by 2020 and 60 per cent by 2050 below 2000 levels in avoiding dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate, defined as a global temperature rise of more than 2 degrees;

- (b) whether or not, if the global community pursues a 550 parts per million (ppm) target until 2020, there is any prospect of achieving a 450 ppm target, i.e. is an ‘overshoot’ emission trajectory realistic and what are the risks involved;
- (c) whether or not, if the global community pursues a 550 ppm target, the Government’s greenhouse emission reduction targets of 5 per cent by 2020 and 60 per cent by 2050 below 2000 levels constitutes a fair and proportionate contribution to the global abatement task;
- (d) what emission targets would be consistent with achieving a 300 ppm, 350 ppm and a 400 ppm atmospheric concentration target, equitably shared between industrial and developing nations, and between industrialised nations; and
- (e) the debate into global negotiations to date on per capita emission targets and whether or not the Government’s arguments on per capita emissions are consistent with globally understood principles of equity underpinning burden sharing arrangements.

On 14 May 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media.

On 30 May 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

2 **Men’s Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 15 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Second report to be presented.

General Business—Order of the Day

77 **Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 11 November 2008*).

On 18 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on public passenger transport in Australia.
- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the oversight of the child care industry.

On 23 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Standing Committees**
Reports to be presented on the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

On 25 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.

On 30 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Final report to be presented on meat marketing.
- 3 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**
Final report to be presented on the pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market.

On 17 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the Australia's judicial system.

By 17 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on bank mergers.

On 21 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On the last sitting day of 2009 (26 November 2009)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia.

On 26 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Third 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—Order of the Day

1 **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.

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

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

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

Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions]**Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions]**

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 12 February 2009; reporting date: 13 March 2009*).

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date varied 11 February 2009; interim reports presented 26 February and 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 11 March 2009*).

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 12 February 2009; reporting date varied 13 February 2009; interim report presented 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 11 March 2009*).

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee (*referred 13 November 2008; reporting date varied 25 November 2008; reporting date: 15 June 2009*).

Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 30 April 2009*).

Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 27 March 2009*).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in either the Senate Bills List or the Senate Daily Bills Update at www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm

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

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009

Household Stimulus Package Bill 2009

Tax Bonus for Working Australians Bill 2009

Tax Bonus for Working Australians (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2009

Third reading negatived, 12 February 2009.

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008

Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008

Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Third reading negatived, 4 February 2009.

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Repeal Bill 2008

Second reading negatived, 19 March 2008.

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008

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

Second reading negatived, 12 November 2008.

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008

Second reading negatived, 28 August 2008.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008

Second reading negatived, 4 December 2008.

Second reading moved again and agreed to, 4 February 2009.

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

Third reading negatived, 26 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

Second reading negatived, 4 September 2008.

Second reading moved again, 17 September 2008, and agreed to, 22 September 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

Second reading negatived, 24 September 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.

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

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 11 November 2008.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 38 to 1291 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.

38 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

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.

142 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

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.

250 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

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.

465 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Notice given 25 August 2008

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 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.

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

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

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
- 631 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 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
- 644 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 649 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

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.

- 658 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 659 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 669 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 674 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

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
- 693 Special Minister of State
- 694 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 695 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 699 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 700 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 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
- 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
- 716 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 719 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 721 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

Notice given 25 September 2008

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 746-748)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many contracts has the department or agency engaged in for the provision of media services since November 2007.
- (2) What was the total cost of these contracts.
- (3) What work have the contractors engaged in specifically or what work do they expect to undertake.
- (4) Was the contractor selected by tender; if so, was the tender select or open; if not, why not.

747 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 3 December 2008; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 750-751)—Since the Minister took office on 3 December 2007:

- (1) (a) What overseas travel was undertaken by the Minister; (b) what was the purpose of the Minister's travel; (c) when did the Minister depart Australia; and (d) when did the Minister return to Australia.
- (2) (a) What staff travelled with the Minister; (b) what duties were they expected to perform while overseas; and (c) were they paid an allowance; if so, how much.
- (3) For each trip to the United States of America: (a) with whom did the Minister conduct official meetings; and (b) what was the purpose of those meetings.

- (4) (a) On how many of these trips was the Minister accompanied by a business delegation; and (b) can details be provided of any delegation accompanying the Minister.
- (5) Who met the cost of travel and other expenses associated with each trip.
- (6) What was the total of the travel and associated expenses that were met by the department in relation to: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; (c) the Minister's staff; and (d) departmental and/or agency staff.
- (7) What was the total cost, including but not necessarily limited to, fares, allowances, accommodation, hospitality, insurance and other costs, of the visit for: (a) the Minister; (b) the Minister's family; and (c) the Minister's staff.
- (8) What was the total cost, including but not necessarily limited to, fares, allowances, accommodation, hospitality, insurance and other costs, of the visit for each departmental and/or agency officer.

751 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Notice given 30 October 2008

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 761-763)—

- (1) Since the 2007 Federal Election, on how many occasions has there been communications between the Minister and:
 - (a) the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia;
 - (b) the head of the Australian Office of Financial Management;
 - (c) the head of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
 - (d) the head of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission;
 - (e) the Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury;
 - (f) the head of the United States Federal Reserve;
 - (g) the head of the Australian Stock Exchange;
 - (h) the head of each of Australia's major banks (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Westpac Banking Corporation, National Australia Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ));
 - (i) the head of the World Bank; and
 - (j) the head of the International Monetary Fund.
- (2) For each separate communication in (1) please provide details of: (a) date; (b) place; (c) medium; and (d) duration.

761 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 23 December 2008*)

762 Minister representing the Treasurer

763 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 18 December 2008*)

Notice given 7 November 2008

768 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—In regard to condition 26 and modules B and C of the Environmental Impact Management Plan for the Gunns Limited pulp mill in Tasmania:

- (1) What is 'zero tolerance' and how will it be achieved.

- (2) How and within what area/locale will existing threatened and endangered species populations be recorded, documented and compared against the construction impact of the pulp mill.
- (3) What is the radius in kilometres from the mill site for 'zero tolerance'.
- (4) Does 'zero tolerance' extend to construction crew traffic including, but not limited to, four-wheel drive and private vehicles.
- (5) Is the 'zero tolerance' assessment self-regulating.
- (6) If road kill is found and it is a threatened or endangered species, are there any mitigation mechanisms in place; if so, what.
- (7) Taking into consideration those employees that will come from interstate, overseas and Tasmania: how will all employees recognise a threatened or endangered species.
- (8) (a) How is compliance and non-compliance to be monitored and reported; and (b) what penalties are in place for non-compliance in regard to threatened and endangered species.
- (9) Considering that Gunns Limited did not complete the road kill module B, (condition 26) as directed by the Chief Scientist Dr Jim Peacock, has the Minister lowered the bar with implementing 'zero tolerance' and abandoned the Government's commitment to a 'most rigorous' assessment process.
- (10) Does the Government's current threatened and endangered species assessment process satisfy the intent of the Chief Scientist.
- (11) Given that apparently only one study has been performed and acknowledged at Low Head near the pipeline outfall, and given that the Minister for Climate Change and Water has assured Parliament that research identifying habitat/population locations of the threatened green and gold frog have been performed along the proposed pipeline route: where, when and who performed the other studies.
- (12) What measures are in place for newly identified green and gold frog populations if they are found near the pulp mill site or associated infrastructure (i.e. pipeline).

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

- (1) Further to the answer to question on notice no. 558 (Senate *Hansard*, 27 August 2008, p. 3 975), concerning the Gunns Limited pipeline and populations of the green and gold frog, the department's response indicated that the frog survey has been conducted and completed: can the Minister now confirm the presence of green and gold frogs (*Litoria raniformis*) in the Dilston and Windermere areas.
- (2) (a) Has the green and gold frog survey been completed to the Minister's satisfaction as directed by the Chief Scientist; and (b) what were the dates, locality and times of the surveys, and who conducted each one.
- (3) In the absence of data, can the Minister confirm that the Dilston, Windermere, Hillwood and Landfall areas will be suitably surveyed for the presence of the green and gold frog.
- (4) In the absence of data, can the Minister confirm that the entire region proposed for the length of the Gunns Limited pipeline will be surveyed for green and gold frog populations and other threatened species.

- (5) Can the Minister give an assurance that the area to be affected by the Gunns Limited pipeline and the East Tamar Highway Dilston bypass will be surveyed for the amphibian chytrid fungus prior to any formal approval or the commencement of actual development work.

Notice given 11 November 2008

- 784 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—In regard to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Vehicle Conversion Scheme: Has any request been made to the Minister or the department to re-phase the scheme's funding from the forward estimates period to the 2008-09 financial year; if so: (a) on what date was the request made; (b) how much was requested to be brought forward; and (c) has a response been finalised; if so: (i) when was the response finalised, and (ii) was the re-phasing approved.

Notice given 13 November 2008

- 795 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
- (1) With reference to the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: has a Regulatory Impact Statement been undertaken or provided.
 - (2) With reference to Professor Ian Plimer's letter to the editor published on page 17 of *The Australian* of 21 October 2008:
 - (a) does the Government agree with Professor Plimer's analysis; if so, why; if not, why not;
 - (b) does the Government agree that Australia acting in isolation would be deeply problematic for the economy;
 - (c) does the Government consider that it is acting on greenhouse gases in isolation; if not: (i) what other countries are deemed to be acting in consort with Australia, (ii) what schemes are they operating under, and (iii) how do they compare with the proposed Australian scheme;
 - (d) if the Government is acting on greenhouse gases in isolation or relative isolation: which countries might be influenced by Australia's actions;
 - (e) does the Government have a list of countries that will be motivated to follow suit because of Australia's leadership with its proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
 - (f) has the Government given consideration to the number or major emitters; if so, which ones would need to participate in a global scheme before Australia moves ahead with its own Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
 - (g) will Australia's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme have any specific remedial or beneficial impact to save Australian icons such as the Great Barrier Reef; if so, how, and is there any evidence to support this view;
 - (h) in regard to the list of 2 500 scientists who are asserted to endorse the reports of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): (i) has the Government been made aware of this list by the IPCC Secretariat; if so, can a copy of the list be provided, and (ii) is this list publicly available; if not: what has the Government done to satisfy itself as to the veracity of the claim;

- (i) on what basis was a 20 per cent total proportion of permits available for trade exposed companies set, if it was based on environmental, economic or other considerations please specify which; and
 - (j) if Australia reduces its carbon emissions to zero, will it have zero impact on the climate.
- (3) With reference to answers to questions on notice nos 561-563 (Senate *Hansard*, 4 September 2008, p. 4633), and in particular, the paper used in the various reports:
- (a) does the department agree that elemental chlorine-free paper has less impact on the environment than totally chlorine-free paper;
 - (b) in regard to the answer in (11)(c)(i): on what basis did the printer assess that the two Australian-made options are of lower quality;
 - (c) was this based on environmental considerations or production/presentation considerations; and
 - (d) was the final report printed on Australian-made paper; if not, from where was the paper sourced.

796 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the vacancy on the Prime Minister’s Science and Engineering Innovation Council as at February 2008: has that position been filled; if so, by whom and on what basis/consideration.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 800-801)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister:

- (1) (a) In the period 1 April to 30 September 2008, what discussions or meetings were conducted regarding the Government’s ‘Razor Gang Mk II’; and (b) has the razor gang indicated any cuts or savings to be made by the department or agency.
- (2) (a) What special accounts does the agency currently hold; (b) as at 30 September 2008, how much is in these accounts; (c) does the agency use the interest from these accounts to fund ongoing operations; and (d) has the razor gang given any indication about the future of these accounts.

800 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

801 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 20 November 2008*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 820-821)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency.
- (2) What was the commencement date of each review.
- (3) When will each review be concluded.
- (4) (a) Which reviews were completed in the period 1 April to 30 September 2008; and (b) when will the Government respond to the each of these reviews.
- (5) As at 30 September 2008, what has been the cost of each of these reviews.

820 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

821 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 20 November 2008*)

Notice given 24 November 2008

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 876-881)—In regard to the Minister's administered portfolio area, for the 2008 calendar year, can lists be provided for: (a) the top 5 program overspends and their costs; and (b) the top 5 program underspends and their costs.

876 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

877 Special Minister of State

880 Minister for Human Services

881 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 5 February 2009*)

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 882-897)—For the 2008 calendar year, can lists be provided for: (a) the department's top 5 program overspends and their costs; and (b) the department's top 5 program underspends and their costs.

884 Minister representing the Treasurer

885 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

887 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

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

892 Minister representing the Attorney-General

897 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 19 January 2009*)

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 898-920)—What is the aggregate amount spent by the department on media monitoring during the 2008 calendar year.

898 Minister representing the Minister for Education

899 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

903 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

904 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

905 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

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

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

909 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

910 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

911 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

913 Minister representing the Attorney-General

914 Minister for Human Services

915 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

916 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

917 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

919 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)

920 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 921-943)—For the 2008 calendar year, can details be provided of the start date, duration, cost and nature (direct source or open source) of tender for each individual consultancy contract with the department dealing with: (a) media relations; (b) public relations; (c) public events management; (d) communications; and (e) communications strategy.

921 Minister representing the Minister for Education

922 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

924 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

925 Special Minister of State

926 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

927 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

928 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

930 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

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

932 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

933 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

934 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

936 Minister representing the Attorney-General

938 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

939 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

940 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

942 Minister representing the Minister for Youth

943 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 944-966)—

(1) Can details be provided, as of 24 November 2008, of the total number of all staff in:

(a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and

(b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.

(2) Can details be provided of the aggregate salary and superannuation costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:

(a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and

- (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (3) Can details be provided of the aggregate travel costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:
 - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
 - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (4) Can details be provided of the aggregate mobile phone costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:
 - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
 - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (5) Can a breakdown be provided of every review, inquiry and committee which is being conducted in the department that has been announced since 1 December 2007.
- (6) (a) How many of the department's reviews, inquiries and committees are in progress or incomplete as of 24 November 2008; and (b) what are their reporting dates.
- (7) In regard to each of the department's review, inquiry and committee (completed and incomplete as of 24 November 2008) that has or is being conducted during the 2008 calendar year: (a) what is the number of departmental staff allocated to each; (b) what is the aggregate number of departmental staff allocated to all; (c) were external consultants engaged to assist in any; if so, which consultants and how much has each consultancy cost (please itemise for each); and (d) what have been the travel costs associated with those staff involved in each (please itemise for each).
- (8) For the 2008 calendar year, what is the total cost of each departmental review, inquiry and committee, including staff wages, consultancy costs, travel and any other associated expenditure (please itemise for each).

944 Minister representing the Minister for Education

945 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

946 Minister representing the Treasurer

947 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

948 Special Minister of State

949 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

950 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

951 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

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

953 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

- 954 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 955 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 956 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 957 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 958 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 959 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 960 Minister for Human Services
- 961 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 962 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 963 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 964 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 965 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 966 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Notice given 25 November 2008

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 970-1003)—

- (1) How many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to departmental and agency staff within the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) How many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to departmental and agency staff that fall within the responsibility of the Minister's associated Parliamentary Secretary or Secretaries.
- (3) Within the Minister's portfolio, how many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to: (a) staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*; (b) the Minister; and (c) the Minister's associated Parliamentary Secretary or Secretaries.
- (4) For each Commonwealth credit card issued in (3) above, what was the date of its issue.

(In substitution for question published in Notice Paper of 26 November 2008.)

- 970 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 974 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 977 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 978 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 980 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 986 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 991 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 992 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)
- 993 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)
- 1000 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)
- 1001 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 1003 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1004-1037)—Has the Minister or any associated Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on parliamentary or ministerial business since 25 November 2007; if so, for each trip:

- (1) What was the purpose.
- (2) How many nights were spent overseas.
- (3) What were the dates and venues.
- (4) How many meetings did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary attend.
- (5) How many departmental and/or personal ministerial staff accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.
- (6) What was the aggregate cost.
- (7) Can an itemised account be provided of the costs for the following: (a) transportation; (b) travel allowance; (c) accommodation; (d) meals; and (e) other expenses, paid for by the Commonwealth in relation to the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and their staff.

- 1004 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 1005 Minister representing the Minister for Education
 1006 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
 1007 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
 1008 Minister representing the Treasurer
 1009 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
 1010 Special Minister of State
 1011 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 1012 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 1013 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
 1014 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
 1015 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 1017 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 1018 Minister for Climate Change and Water
 1019 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
 1021 Minister for Human Services
 1022 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 1023 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
 1024 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
 1026 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
 1027 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
 1028 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
 1029 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
 1030 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
 1031 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
 1032 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 27 November 2008*)

- 1033 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1034 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 1035 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 1036 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1037 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Notice given 27 November 2008

- 1041 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet publication, *Australian Government: One Year Progress Report*, dated November 2008:
- (1) How much funding has the Government allocated to compile, produce, publish and distribute this publication.
 - (2) Which Government departments and agencies were involved in the compilation, drafting, production, printing and distribution of this publication.
 - (3) How many departmental staff were involved in the compilation, drafting, production, printing and distribution of this publication.
 - (4) How many departmental staff hours were expended in the compilation, drafting, production printing and distribution of this publication.
 - (5) (a) How many hard copies of this publication have been produced; and (b) have these, or will these, publications be direct mailed or sent through unaddressed mail.
 - (6) How much has been budgeted towards distribution costs for this publication.
 - (7) Were any external consultants required to help produce this publication; if so, for each consultant: (a) who was the consultant; (b) what did the consultancy cost; and (c) can an itemised list of the expenditures of the contract be provided.
 - (8) Was this publication, or elements of it, focus group tested; if so, how much did that research cost taxpayers.
 - (9) How many soft copies, or a weblink to this publication, have been distributed electronically.
 - (10) Have soft or electronic copies of this publication been distributed through the databases acquired from third party organisations or websites, including GetUp! and trade unions.

Notice given 1 December 2008

- 1045 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 27 January 2009*)—(a) How much of the funding offered by the Prime Minister at the Council of Australian Governments was already incorporated in the contingency reserve inherited from the Howard Government in December 2007; and (b) how much of the funding was new money.

Notice given 3 December 2008

1050 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—

- (1) How much money has been returned following underspends in programs in each portfolio for the 2007-08 financial year.
- (2) How much depreciation funding has been used for recurrent spending by departments or agencies from December 2007 to June 2008.
- (3) (a) How many policy proposals were costed by the Budget Group of the department for the 2008-09 Budget; and (b) what was the average length of time that was spent by officers in the Budget Group on costing each policy proposal for the 2008-09 Budget.
- (4) How much 'time off in lieu' was accrued by staff in the Budget Group of the department from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2008.
- (5) How much non-taxation revenue was collected from outside the general government sector in the 2007-08 financial year and then subsequently spent by departments or agencies under section 31 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

1051 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—

- (1) Are departments and agencies required to seek the approval of the Minister to budget for an operating loss; if so: (a) which agencies did the Minister approve to budget for an operating loss for the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) for each agency, what was the reason for each operating loss.
- (2) Has the Minister given approval for any agencies to budget for an operating loss for the 2008-09 financial year; if so, what was the reason for each of these agencies needing to budget for an operating loss.
- (3) Did the Minister receive any requests for approval to budget for an operating loss that were not approved; if so, what were the reasons for these requests not being approved.
- (4) Which departments or agencies had an operating loss in the 2007-08 financial year had not received approval to budget for an operating loss from the Minister.
- (5) How many departments or agencies had an operating loss in the 2007-08 financial year and had requested approval to budget for an operating loss which was not approved by the Minister.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1052-1087)—

- (1) Given that spending on individual programs is not reported in either the budget papers or annual reports, did any programs in the Minister's portfolio:
 - (a) have underspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, for each underspend: (i) in what program did it fall, (ii) how much was the underspend, and (iii) what was the reason for the underspend; and
 - (b) have overspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, for each overspend: (i) in what program did it fall, (ii) how much was the overspend, and (iii) what was the reason for the overspend.

(2) Will any agencies and/or departments in the Minister's portfolio return money in the 2008-09 Budget as a result of underspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, how much.

- 1052 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1053 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1054 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1055 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 1056 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1057 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1058 Special Minister of State
- 1059 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1060 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1061 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 1062 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1063 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1064 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1065 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1068 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1069 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1070 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1071 Minister for Human Services
- 1072 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1073 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1074 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1075 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1076 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1077 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1078 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1079 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1080 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1081 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1082 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 4 December 2008*)
- 1083 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1084 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1085 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing

1086 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)

1087 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1088-1123)—

- (1) (a) For the period 1 December 2007 to 30 June 2008, what funds has the Government committed to spend under regulation 10 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (the Act) for each department and/or agency that operates under the Act in the Minister's portfolio; and (b) how much of this commitment was approved: (i) at the department or agency level, and (ii) by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.
- (2) How much depreciation funding for each department or agency in the Minister's portfolio: (a) was available as at 30 June 2008; (b) was spent in the 2007-08 financial year; and (c) was spent in the 2007-08 financial year to directly replace assets for which it was appropriated.

1088 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1092 Minister representing the Treasurer

1094 Special Minister of State

1100 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

1104 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1106 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1107 Minister for Human Services

1108 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1109 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

1110 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

1111 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

1112 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)

1113 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)

1120 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1125-1160)—As at 2 December 2008, can a list be provided of:

- (a) each appointment or reappointment made by the department to any board, committee, formal advisory body, informal advisory body, domestic ambassadorial post, or any other Commonwealth body since 1 December 2007; and
- (b) each nomination, where no formal appointment or reappointment has been made by the department to any board, committee, formal advisory body, informal advisory body, domestic ambassadorial post, or any other Commonwealth body since 1 December 2007.

1125 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1126 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

1127 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

- 1128 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1129 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1130 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1131 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1132 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1133 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1134 Minister representing the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1135 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1136 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1137 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1138 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1139 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1140 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1141 Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1142 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1143 Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1144 Minister for Human Services (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1145 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1146 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1147 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1148 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

- 1149 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1150 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1151 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1152 Minister representing the Minister for Housing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1153 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1154 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1155 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 4 December 2008; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1156 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1157 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1158 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1159 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)
- 1160 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

Notice given 4 December 2008

- 1164 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
- (1) Is the department refusing to process applications for accreditation under the Greenhouse Friendly initiative pending proposed changes to regulatory approval in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) White Paper; if so, what is the rationale for this position.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that some companies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars complying with the department's onerous requirements including independent auditing and third party reviews in order to achieve accreditation under the existing scheme.
 - (3) Does the Minister believe that notwithstanding any new regulatory scheme that may be adopted under the new CPRS that companies that have already completed their accreditation application under the Greenhouse Friendly scheme should be allowed to have their applications determined.
 - (4) Will the Minister instruct the department to immediately determine any completed applications that they are currently holding under the Greenhouse Friendly initiative; if not, why not.

- (5) Will companies that already have Greenhouse Friendly accreditation be given preferential treatment when it comes to accreditation under the new CPRS; if so, will this treatment also apply to companies that have completed and lodged their applications for Greenhouse Friendly accreditation prior to the commencement of the CPRS.

1165 **Senator Bushby:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In regard to the Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 (the bill) which was introduced in the House of Representatives on 20 March 2008 and passed in the Senate with amendments on 23 June 2008: (a) Why has the Government not debated these amendments in the House of Representatives; and (b) when will the Senate's amendments to the bill be considered.
- (2) Does the Government plan to continue debate on the bill or is it to be withdrawn.
- (3) (a) What is the process for removing the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia for misbehaviour under the *Reserve Bank Act 1959* (the Act); and (b) what are the differences in comparison to the process outlined in the Senate's amendments to the bill.
- (4) Is it possible that under the Act, a Governor who is 'not of good behaviour', for example one involved in embezzlement, could remain in office as Governor for more than a year even with a conviction for embezzlement recorded against him or her.

1166 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) (a) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by bottle and quantity, of the wine kept at Kirribilli House, including wine maker, vintage, blend; and (b) what is the total value of that wine.
- (2) (a) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by bottle and quantity, of the wine kept at the Lodge, including wine maker, vintage, blend; and (b) what is the total value of that wine.
- (3) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by brand and quantity, of the alcoholic spirits, including make and full description, kept at:
 - (a) Kirribilli House; and
 - (b) the Lodge.
- (4) Can an itemised list be provided of the wine, including quantities, wine maker, vintage and blend, which has been purchased between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 for use at:
 - (a) Kirribilli House, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made; and
 - (b) the Lodge, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made.
- (5) Can an itemised list be provided of the alcoholic spirits, including brand and quantity, which has been purchased between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 for use at:
 - (a) Kirribilli House, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made; and
 - (b) the Lodge, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made.

- (6) What was the total amount expended on truffles, caviar, chocolate and cheese between 1 December 2007 and 2 December 2008 at:
- (a) Kirribilli House; and
 - (b) the Lodge.

Notice given 16 December 2008

- 1170 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—Has the Government definitively ruled out the presence of cane toads on Australian Defence Force bases in East Timor; if not, why not.
- 1171 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to interactions between the representatives of tobacco companies and the Rudd Government: Have any ministers or ministerial staff met with representatives of tobacco companies; if so: (a) which ministers or the staff of which ministers have taken part in such meetings; (b) what was the purpose of the meetings; and (c) on what dates did these meetings take place.
- 1177 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—Given the answer to a question placed on notice (Q3: Rendition of Mamdouh Habib) by former Senator Nettle during the 2008-09 Budget estimates hearing of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, on 4 June 2008, was that, 'Defence has no record of involvement through meetings or through the provision of advice in the matter of the rendition of Mr Mamdouh Habib':
- (1) How do 85 418 pages of Defence departmental documents fall within the terms of a Freedom of Information request for any reports from 1 October 2001 onwards from Defence or any of its agencies regarding the transfer and/or rendition of Mamdouh Habib to Egypt, with an associated cost of \$107 145.55 including 1 038 hours to identify, examine and make decisions on the documents.
 - (2) How do 82 838 pages of Defence departmental documents fall within the terms of a Freedom of Information request for communications regarding the rendition and/or transfer of prisoners or detainees by the United States of America to other countries (particularly Egypt) for interrogation or questioning, with an associated cost of \$85 603.80.
 - (3) How is such a massive volume of documentation consistent with Defence's contention in estimates hearings that there are no records relevant to this matter.
- Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1178-1180)—
- (1) What is the total size of the Government's vehicle fleet, including executive-level vehicles, ministerial vehicles etc.
 - (2) (a) How many, both as a number and a percentage, of these vehicles are not Australian-made; and (b) for each imported model: (i) what is the make, and (ii) what is the number of that model currently held.
- 1178 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 19 December 2008*)
- 1179 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 18 December 2008*)
- 1180 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

Notice given 17 December 2008

- 1184 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
How many aged care facilities have been identified as having some non-compliance in respect of the 44 accreditation standards for each of the following financial years: (a) 1998-99; (b) 1999-2000; (c) 2000-01; (d) 2001-02; (e) 2002-03; (f) 2003-04; (g) 2004-05; (h) 2005-06; and (i) 2006-07.
- 1191 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Does the Government outlay the full amount that it budgets each year on aged care.
 - (2) (a) Did the Government budget to spend \$6.7 billion on aged care in the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) did the Government actually spend that amount or was it less as the income tested fee deductions were greater than budgeted for.

Notice given 9 January 2009

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1213-1214)—

- (1) How much tax revenue has been collected since the implementation of the increase in the excise on alcopops on 27 April 2008.
- (2) Given that table 2 (Australian Government general government sector revenue) of the *Final budget outcome 2007-08* includes a line-item under the heading 'Customs duty' headed 'Excise-like goods' which included potable spirits, and given that the majority of potable spirits sold in Australia are imported and therefore pay customs duty rather than excise duty, what proportion of the \$2.4 billion in customs duty collected on excise-like goods is attributable to imported potable spirits.
- (3) Given that table 2 of the *Final budget outcome 2007-08* lists for the 'Excise-like goods' a change on the 2008-09 Budget of +\$41 million, what proportion of this figure is attributable to the underestimation of sales of potable spirits by the Department of the Treasury when completing the 2008-09 Budget estimates.
- (4) In regard to the +\$5 million change on the 2008-09 Budget estimate for excise duty on potable spirits, what proportion of the positive change on the 2008-09 Budget (for both excise and customs duty on potable spirits) is attributable to the 2 months of May and June 2008.

1213 Minister representing the Treasurer

1214 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 16 January 2009*)

Notice given 15 January 2009

- 1215 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Can a breakdown be provided for the 2008-09 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), by state and territory, of the number of: (a) high care places available; (b) high care places sought; (c) low care places available; and (d) low care places sought.
 - (2) Are applicants in the 2008-09 ACAR assessed on the basis of having experience in the provision of aged care services and/or the financial capacity to provide the beds they apply for.

- (3) How many of the applicants in the 2008-09 ACAR had no previous experience in providing aged care services.
- (4) Of the bed licences granted in each of the years 2003 to 2008, how many have not been: (a) built; and (b) surrendered.

1216 **Senator Fifield:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Has the Australian Broadcasting Corporation undertaken a review of the content of the ‘Planet Slayer’ website; if so: (a) what was the outcome of that review; (b) when will the Minister release the review; and (c) will the review be posted online for the general public to access; if not, why not.

Notice given 16 January 2009

- 1225 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy—With reference to question SI-12 taken on notice during the 2008-09 supplementary Budget estimates hearings of the Economics Committee:
- (1) How many staff are based in the Minister’s electorate office.
 - (2) What is the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* classification of each staff member based in the electorate office.
 - (3) Can a copy of the duty statement of each staff member in the electorate office be provided.
 - (4) In regard to personal staff based in the electorate office, what is the supporting department for each.

Notice given 20 January 2009

- 1227 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to part 5 of the amended answer to question on notice no. 562, which states that, ‘The Department has not made enquiries as to what type of motor vehicle Professor Garnaut drives’:
- (1) Has Professor Garnaut been provided with a motor vehicle by the Commonwealth; if so, what is the make and model of this vehicle.
 - (2) Does Professor Garnaut claim a motor vehicle allowance; if so: (a) how much and on what basis is it paid; (b) what make and model of motor vehicle does this specific allowance support; and (c) if the department does not know what make and model of motor vehicle the specific allowance supports, will the department undertake to find out; if not, why not.
- 1228 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the illegal protest in the Florentine Valley, Tasmania, by members of the Still Wild Still Threatened (SWST) group which commenced on 12 January 2009:
- (1) In regard to Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) 936 and ABC Northern Tasmania:
 - (a) (i) how many radio news items in total did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest, and for each news item, what was the date of broadcast, station, position in bulletin and its duration, and (ii) what was the cumulative time of these news items;

- (b) how many radio interviews did the ABC hold with members of the SWST group or their spokespersons, Australian Greens politicians, Wilderness Society representatives or any other associated group regarding this protest, and for each interview can the: (i) station, (ii) program, (iii) position in bulletin, (iv) interviewer, (v) interviewee, and (vi) time for each interview, be identified; and
 - (c) how many radio interviews did the ABC hold with Forestry Tasmania or other forest industry representatives regarding this protest, and for each interview can the: (i) station, (ii) program, (iii) interviewer, (iv) interviewee, and (v) time for each interview, be identified.
- (2) In regard to all ABC television: (a) how many television news items did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest; and (b) for each television news item, what was the date of broadcast, station and its duration.
 - (3) In regard to ABC online: (a) how many online items did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest; and (b) can a copy of each online news item be provided.
 - (4) How many journalists, cameramen, sound recordists etc. did the ABC have covering this protest story.
 - (5) (a) What was the total cost of the ABC's coverage of this protest in terms of resources committed; and (b) can an itemised list of these costs be provided.

1229 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the statements made by the Prime Minister in March 2008 indicating the Government's intention to seek membership of the United Nations Security Council for 2013-2014, at a cost of up to \$40 million:

- (1) Can a detailed breakdown be provided of those items which comprise the estimated cost of \$40 million; if not, why not.
- (2) (a) How much money has been expended since March 2008 to date on this matter; and (b) on what items has the expenditure occurred.
- (3) On what date did Cabinet formally approve the decision to seek this membership.

Notice given 28 January 2009

1231 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the article 'Asteroid shield "our only hope"' on page 44 of *The Guardian Weekly* of 19 December 2008, which stated that a group of leading scientists, the International Panel on Asteroid Threat Mitigation, has urged the United Nations to establish a network to search for asteroids on a collision course with Earth, will the Government: (a) support the scientists' call for such a global network and response plan; and (b) contribute funding to a network and response plan.

Notice given 2 February 2009

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1232-1233)—

- (1) Between the release of the Government's green and white papers in 2008 on the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) for Australia, how many times did representatives of the Business Council of Australia or their members meet with: (a) the Minister or anyone from the Minister's office; and (b) departmental officials.

- (2) Can copies be provided of correspondence, including emails, between the Minister or anyone in the Minister's office or departmental officials and the Business Council of Australia, its representatives or members relating to the development of the CPRS between the release of the green and white papers.

- 1232 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 17 February 2009*)
 1233 Minister for Climate Change and Water

Notice given 4 February 2009

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1235-1270)—Are there any Acts of Parliament within your ministerial responsibility that have only been partially proclaimed; if so, what are the unproclaimed sections and what are the reasons for not proclaiming these sections.

- 1235 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 1236 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009*)
 1237 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
 1238 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009*)
 1239 Minister representing the Treasurer
 1240 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
 1241 Special Minister of State
 1242 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 1243 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 1244 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
 1245 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
 1246 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 1247 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
 1248 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 1249 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
 1250 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
 1251 Minister for Climate Change and Water
 1252 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
 1253 Minister representing the Attorney-General
 1254 Minister for Human Services
 1255 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 1256 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
 1257 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
 1258 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
 1259 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

- 1260 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 1261 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1262 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1263 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1264 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009*)
- 1265 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 5 February 2009*)
- 1266 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1267 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 1268 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 1269 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009*)
- 1270 Minister representing the Minister for Sport
- 1273 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law—Further to the answer to question on notice 755 (Senate *Hansard*, 3 February 2009, p. 104): (a) will the Government be checking: (i) who did the valuations on the eligible loans, and (ii) when the valuation on the eligible loans was made; and (b) if not, how will the Government ensure that valuations on the eligible loans reflect the current, and potentially future, lower-priced property market.

Notice given 5 February 2009

- 1274 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 557 (Senate *Hansard*, 1 September 2008, p. 4 258), the Government indicated the Gunns Limited pulp mill assessment process 'looked closely at impacts on the Commonwealth Marine Area, which incorporates all elements of the environment, including dolphins':
- (1) Exactly when, how and by whom was the 'impact' assessment (or such similar process) undertaken in relation to the impacts of the pulp mill on the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) and any other dolphin species.
 - (2) What environmental aspects and impacts (actual and potential) were identified as part of the pulp mill assessment (or such similar process) in relation to the bottlenose dolphin and any other dolphin species.
 - (3) Have any reports, studies, findings, recommendations (or such similar documentation) been produced in relation to the impact assessment (or such similar process) of the pulp mill on the bottlenose dolphin and any other dolphin species; if so: (a) can a copy of all such documentation be provided; and (b) if a copy of all such documentation cannot be provided, why not.

Senator Mason: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1275-1282)—With reference to the Government's funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.

1275 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

1276 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1277 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1278 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1279 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1280 Minister for Human Services

1282 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

1283 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Government's funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department's Employment and Workplace Relations Branch; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.

1285 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—With reference to the Government's funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department's Education Branch; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.

Notice given 6 February 2009

1288 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Can an indication be provided of when the Australian Labor Party's election promise to incorporate a 'greenhouse gas trigger' in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) will be implemented.
- (2) Considering the devastating effect climate change will have on coral reefs, will the Minister consider the greenhouse gas effects of the planned aluminium smelter in Bowen, Queensland, by the Aluminium Corporation of China Limited (CHALCO) when assessing its effect on the Great Barrier Reef under the Act's approvals process.
- (3) Given that demand for aluminium is falling and is projected to stay low for at least the next year, will the Minister consider the necessity of building such a high greenhouse gas producing project when deciding on approval for the smelter under the Act.
- (4) Will the Minister consider the source of electricity when deciding what impact the smelter will have on the environment.
- (5) Has the Minister considered implementing project approvals which require the use of renewable energy; if not, why not.

- (6) Will the Minister consider the cumulative effect of these projects on the Great Barrier Reef and surrounding wetlands or will the CHALCO project decision be made in isolation.

1290 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) With reference to the projects selected for Black Spot Program funding since November 2007: (a) what is the location of each project, by state and territory; and (b) how much funding has been allocated to each project.
- (2) Of the 350 additional Black Spot Program projects announced on 4 February 2009, how will funding be allocated.

1291 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Can a list be provided of non-government schools in New South Wales that received Country Areas Programme (CAP) funding for the following years: (a) 2005; (b) 2006; (c) 2007; and (d) 2008.
- (2) What are the eligibility criteria for CAP funding for non-government schools.

Notice given 10 February 2009

1292 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the *Australian Regulatory Guidelines for Complementary Medicines*, which provide for ‘targeted and random desk-based audits of listed medicines’ by the Therapeutic Goods Administration:

- (1) (a) How are targets selected; and (b) how many medicines have been selected by targeting in each of the past 5 years.
- (2) (a) By what means have random selections been made; (b) who conducts the randomisation process; and (c) how many medicines have been selected under this procedure in each of the past 5 years.
- (3) (a) How many listed products have been the subject of requests for information under section 31 of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (the Act); and (b) of these, how many were delisted under each of the following processes set out in section 30 of the Act: (i) the summary process, and (ii) the show-cause process.

1293 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to the answer to question on notice 1210 (Senate *Hansard*, 4 February 2009, p. 102):

- (1) Can the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) confirm that the Violations of Controlled Airspace (VCAs) that did not result in prosecution did not involve other breaches as well as VCA breaches.
- (2) What factors separated the 18 cases referred to CASA’s Enforcement Policy and Practice Branch from the remaining 5 094 that were not referred to the branch.

1294 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Can a list be provided of the names of all Government boards, specifying for each board: (a) the identity of each board member; and (b) the gender balance for each board.
- (2) Can the overall gender balance for all of the boards be provided, and this same figure provided as at November 2007.

- (3) The Victorian Government has recently adopted a policy of moving toward half of all positions of their boards and committees being occupied by women, does the Federal Government have plans to adopt a similar practice.

1295 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Since the Government took office in November 2007: (a) how many days has a person other than the Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, acted in the position of Prime Minister; and (b) can a breakdown be provided of: (i) who has acted in this position, (ii) on what dates did that person act in this position, (iii) what is the total number of days this person has acted in this position, and (iv) what was the reason for this person to act in this position.
- (2) In regard to the Prime Minister's travel outside of Australia since the Government took office: (a) what was: (i) the total cost for each visit, (ii) the purpose and dates of each visit, and (iii) the identities of the travelling party; and (b) can a breakdown of the travel costs, including accommodation, be provided for: (i) the travelling party, and (ii) each individual.

1296 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all consultants contracted by the department in the process of preparing the modelling in the report, *Australia's low pollution future: The economics of climate change mitigation*.
- (2) How much did the department pay each of these consultants.
- (3) (a) How much did the department pay for access to the model codes and/or database of the Monash multi-regional forecasting model; and (b) was this fee the equivalent to the fee payable by anyone seeking to purchase access to these model codes and/or database on the open market: (i) in Australia, and (ii) overseas; if not, was it higher or lower.
- (4) (a) How much did the department pay for access to the model codes and/or database of the global trade and environment model; and (b) was this fee the equivalent to the fee payable by anyone seeking to purchase access to these model codes and/or database on the open market: (i) in Australia, and (ii) overseas; if not, was it higher or lower.

1297 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory, of the expenditure on each component of the exceptional circumstances assistance to farmers for the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09, including: (a) income support (interim support and exceptional circumstances relief payments); (b) business support; and (c) interest subsidies.

Notice given 11 February 2009

1298 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the '200 organisations [that] have come to the nation's capital today because they want to support local jobs and national jobs at a time of national and international economic emergency' mentioned in the Prime Minister's press conference of 6 February 2009:

- (1) What were the names of these organisations.
- (2) Who represented these organisations.

- (3) What project or projects did each of these organisations submit to the Government as being, to quote the Prime Minister, 'shovel-ready'.
- (4) What did each of these organisations estimate to be the cost of each project that they submitted to the Government.

Notice given 16 February 2009

1299 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women—

- (1) (a) What financial or other support has been provided to the Scout Association of Australia in each of the past 5 years; (b) what was the purpose of such assistance; and (c) what were the public policy issues underpinning the decision to grant this assistance.
- (2) (a) What financial or other support has been provided to Girl Guides Australia in each of the past 5 years; and (b) what was the purpose of such assistance.
- (3) Is the Government aware that Girl Guides Australia is currently proposing to hold events to celebrate '100 years of Guiding across Australia' from September 2009 to February 2011 with an Australian centenary event in January 2010 at Britannia Park, Yarra Junction, Victoria.
- (4) Has an application or submission been received from Girl Guides Australia for financial assistance to hold events to celebrate '100 years of Guiding across Australia'; if so, has the Government provided such assistance.
- (5) Will the Minister meet with representatives of Girl Guides Australia to discuss the need for financial assistance to celebrate the forthcoming centenary of Girl Guides Australia.

Notice given 18 February 2009

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1300-1301)—In regard to Australian financial liability for failing to meet requirements under the terms of the Kyoto Protocol ratified by the Rudd Government in December 2007:

- (1) (a) What is the current estimated financial liability for the 2008-12 period; and (b) what specific requirements does any of this liability relate to.
- (2) (a) What is the current estimated carbon price; and (b) what is the estimated total emissions in excess of Australia's emissions target.
- (3) How is the estimated carbon price determined.
- (4) (a) When does the financial liability accrue to Australia; and (b) to whom will this liability be paid.

1300 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 24 February 2009*)

1301 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1302 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—With reference to the Commonwealth Government's whole-of-government vehicle leasing arrangements:

- (1) How many vehicles are currently leased by each department, including their portfolio agencies.

- (2) By department, how many of the vehicles in (1) above:
 - (a) are powered by Liquefied Petroleum Gas or Liquefied Natural Gas engines;
 - (b) are powered by hybrid electric-petrol engines;
 - (c) are purely petrol-driven four cylinder engines; and
 - (d) have either: (i) turbocharged engines, (ii) supercharged engines, or (iii) eight cylinder engines.
- (3) (a) What was the total cost of the Commonwealth Government's vehicle contract for the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) what amount of the total cost was for petrol.

Notice given 24 February 2009

1303 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Under what terms was Dr Geoff Mulgan contracted to the department in June 2008.
- (2) For what period of time is Dr Mulgan contracted to the department.
- (3) Are there any provisions to extend any initial contract period.
- (4) What services has Dr Mulgan provided to the department since June 2008.
- (5) What services is Dr Mulgan expected to provide over any remaining period under the contract.
- (6) What fee or remuneration is Dr Mulgan or any associated business entity being paid under his contract with the department.
- (7) Is Dr Mulgan contracted by any other Commonwealth department, agency or authority or directly by any minister or the Prime Minister; if so, what are the terms, as per (1) to (6) above, of any such contracts.
- (8) Have any additional contracts been entered into by the department with Dr Mulgan, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Tom Bentley, the Young Foundation or Demos since coming to office in November 2007; if so, what are the terms, as per (1) to (6) above, of any such contracts.

Notice given 25 February 2009

1304 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the article by Mr Patrick Walters, 'Intelligence shake-up as ASIO chief Paul O'Sullivan shifts to diplomatic job', in *The Australian* of 21 February 2009:

- (1) Was the public identification of Mr Stephen Robinson as the deputy Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) authorised or consented to by the Minister or the Director-General of ASIS in accordance with section 41 of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.
- (2) If the identification of a person as the deputy Director-General of ASIS was authorised or consented to: (a) when was this done; and (b) was it made in writing.

Notice given 26 February 2009

1305 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) As at 31 December 2008: (a) how many uniformed staff are there in each of the three service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force); and (b) how many civilian staff are there in each of the service areas.

- (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many uniformed personnel were recruited to each of the service areas.
- (3) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) how many uniformed staff resigned from each of the service areas; and (b) how many civilian staff resigned from each of the service areas.
- (4) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many temporary civilian positions existed, or were created, in each of the service areas.
- (5) (a) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many civilian employees have been employed on contract; and (b) what is the average length of their employment period in each of the service areas.

1306 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, was there a reduction in uniformed staffing numbers as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts in the army, navy or air force; if so, where and at what level.
- (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, was there a reduction in civilian staffing numbers as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts in the army, navy or air force; if so, where and at what level.

1307 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) which submarines in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) fleet were: (i) fully operational with full crew compliments, and (ii) non-operational; and (b) for each submarine that was non-operational, what was the reason for its non-operational status.
- (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many fully qualified personnel were permanently employed in the RAN to operate submarines.

1308 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) which frigates were fully operational with full crewing commitments; (b) of those frigates that were not operational, what were the reasons for their non-operational status; (c) what were the operational strengths of the engineering officers and sailors on the frigates; and (d) what were the operational strengths of non-engineering officers and sailors on the frigates.

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1309-1310)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) (a) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, what discussions or meetings were conducted regarding the Government's 'Razor Gang Mk II'; and (b) has the razor gang indicated any cuts or savings to be made by the department or agency.
- (2) (a) What special accounts does the agency currently hold; (b) as at 31 December 2008, how much is in these accounts; (c) does the agency use the interest from these accounts to fund ongoing operations; and (d) has the razor gang given any indication about the future of these accounts.

1309 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1310 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1311-1312)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many programs were under spent.
- (2) (a) As at 31 December 2008, what requests have been made to roll-over under spends to 2008-09; and (b) were these requests successful.

1311 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1312 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1313-1314)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how much was spent on media monitoring.
- (2) As at 31 December 2008: (a) how many staff are employed in public relations and/or the media in the department or agency; (b) what are the position levels of these staff; (c) what are the salary grades of these staff; and (d) how many of these staff are: (i) permanent, (ii) temporary, and (iii) contractors.

1313 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1314 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1315-1316)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) what communications programs were undertaken or were planned to be undertaken; and (b) what has been the total spend in each communications program.

1315 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1316 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1317-1318)—

- (1) For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) what was the department's hospitality spend; and (b) for each departmental hospitality event, can the following details be provided: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.
- (2) (a) For the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, what was the total hospitality spend in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008; and (b) for each hospitality event in the office, can the following details be provided: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.

1317 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1318 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1319-1320)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, what appointments to boards or committees were made in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008.

1319 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1320 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1321-1322)—For the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) (a) Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travel overseas on official business; if so: (i) to what destination, (ii) for what duration, and (iii) for what purpose; and (b) what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (2) (a) Which ministerial staff accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these staff, what was the cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) Which departmental officers accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) Apart from ministerial staff and departmental officers, who else accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

1321 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1322 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1323-1324)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) Did the department or agency receive any advice on how to respond to freedom of information (FOI) requests.
- (2) How many FOI requests has the department or agency received.
- (3) How many FOI requests have been granted or denied.
- (4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests.

1323 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1324 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1325-1326)—As at 31 December 2008: (a) how many departmental liaison officers are allocated to each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) what advice do they provide.

1325 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1326 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1327-1328)—In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) What was the cost of the travel and expenses for the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary for Community Cabinet meetings.
- (2) (a) How many ministerial staff and departmental officers travelled with the Minister for these Cabinet meetings; and (b) what was the total cost of this travel.

1327 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1328 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1329-1330)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency.
- (2) What was the commencement date of each review.
- (3) When will each review be concluded.
- (4) (a) Which reviews were completed in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008; and (b) when will the Government respond to the each of these reviews.
- (5) As at 31 December 2008, what has been the cost of each of these reviews.

1329 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1330 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Johnston: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1331-1332)—

- (1) For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, what programs or projects were cut, curtailed, postponed, delayed or terminated as part of the Government's \$10 billion 'redirection of priorities' program.
- (2) For each program affected by the 'redirection of priorities' program, how much has been re-directed to 'higher priority programs/projects'.
- (3) What 'higher priority programs/projects' have benefited from cuts or savings made in 'lower priority programs'.
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to each of these 'higher priority projects'.

1331 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1332 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1335-1357)—

- (1) How many communication campaigns were conducted by the department and/or its agencies for the 2008 calendar year.
- (2) For each of the above campaigns:
 - (a) what was the name of the campaign;
 - (b) which department had the responsibility for the campaign;
 - (c) which agencies were short-listed and which were finally selected for:
 - (i) advertising creative,

- (ii) public relations, and
 - (iii) market research;
 - (d) did the relevant Minister or any of that Minister's personal staff take part in the decision to select the successful agency or agencies; if so, whom;
 - (e) can a breakdown be provided for:
 - (i) creative agency costs,
 - (ii) television placement costs,
 - (iii) print placement costs,
 - (iv) radio placement costs,
 - (v) mail outs, brochures and booklet costs,
 - (vi) Internet costs,
 - (vii) public relations agency costs, including additional costs for any activities undertaken by those agencies or their agents,
 - (viii) market research agency costs, and
 - (ix) the total cost of the campaign; and
 - (f) what were the start and end dates for the airing of the electronic advertising components.
- 1335 Minister representing the Prime Minister (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1336 Minister representing the Minister for Education (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1337 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 2 March 2009; **further transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1338 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 2 March 2009; **further transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1339 Minister representing the Treasurer (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1340 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1341 Special Minister of State (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1342 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1343 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1344 Minister representing the Minister for Defence (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1345 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)
- 1346 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009)

- 1347 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1348 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1349 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1350 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1351 Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1352 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1353 Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1354 Minister for Human Services (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1355 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1356 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1357 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)

Notice given 4 March 2009

- 1358 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What analysis has been done by the department to verify that payments made pursuant to the Community Service Obligation (CSO) have fulfilled the objective of achieving ‘timely delivery of the full range of [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme] PBS medicines’.
 - (2) (a) What measures does the department use to assess CSO compliance; and (b) how often are these figures collected and assessed.
 - (3) Is there any variation between the various state and territories in terms of CSO compliance.
 - (4) Are any CSO wholesalers/distributors currently delivering to specific states or territories rather than distributing nationally; if so, which states or territories are not receiving the full range of PBS medicines.
- 1359 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) When will negotiations regarding the next Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA) commence.
 - (2) Will the next CPA be expected to deliver savings to the Government.

- (3) Will the \$1.1 billion compensation package for pharmacists introduced as part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Reform in 2006 allow for savings to be made when negotiating the next CPA.
- (4) Does the Government have any plans to end the \$1.50 incentive paid to pharmacists to dispense generic medicines.
- (5) Will the \$1.50 incentive payment be incorporated into the next CPA.

1360 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform which began in 2006:

- (1) What has been the net savings from the reforms to date.
- (2) Will the Government achieve the \$580 million in savings originally projected over 4 years; if not, why not.
- (3) Of the \$1.1 billion allocated to compensate pharmacists for the reforms, how much has been spent to date.
- (4) (a) In the first round of price reductions, how many drugs will be removed from therapeutic groups; and (b) what will be the average price reduction of those drugs.

1361 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the item in the 2008-09 Budget papers 'Responsible Economic Management – Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements', which is projected to save the Government \$105 million over 4 years:

- (1) How many pharmacies dispensed chemotherapy drugs covered by this item during the following financial years: (a) 2006-07; (b) 2007-08; and (c) 2008-09.
- (2) How many pharmacies dispensed chemotherapy drugs covered by this item in regional Australia during the following financial years: (a) 2006-07; (b) 2007-08; and (c) 2008-09.
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that the dispensing of chemotherapy drugs in regional Australia is not negatively impacted by this measure.

1362 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the chartering report handed to the Minister by the Export Wheat Commission in June 2008, and noting section 5DC(9) of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* (the Act) which states 'If a report, or a part of a report, under this section relates to a person's affairs to a material extent, the Commission may: (a) at the person's request; or (b) on its own initiative; give the person a copy of the report or a part of the report': Has the Minister, the department, or Wheat Exports Australia sought or received advice as to whether growers who contributed to the export wheat pools covered by the chartering arrangements considered in the report, are entitled to receive the report pursuant to section 5DC(9) of the Act; if so, what was that advice; if not, will the Minister, as a matter of urgency, consider the question as to whether the report should be released to affected growers.

- 1363 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Bringing Nurses Back into the Workforce (BNBW) program:
- (1) How many of the following were employed under the BNBW program during the 2008 calendar year: (a) full-time equivalent (FTE) nurses and/or midwives in the public hospital sector; (b) FTE nurses and/or midwives in the private hospital sector; and (c) FTE nurses in the residential aged care sector.
 - (2) Why was the program extended to nurses in the community sector in December 2008.
 - (3) How many nurses took up the community sector positions under the program: (a) in December 2008; and (b) to date.
 - (4) Why were changes made on 2 December 2008 to the \$1 000 employer bonus, removing the pro-rata payment for part-time workers.
 - (5) How many part-time nurses have been recruited under the program: (a) in December 2008; and (b) to date.
 - (6) If the target of 1 000 nurses into the hospital sector and 400 nurses back into the aged care sector during 2008 has not been met, does the Minister consider the program a failure.

- 1364 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the dispensing of medicines in remote areas under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953*:
- (1) What is the current rate per item for dispensing prescription medications.
 - (2) When was that rate set.
 - (3) Has the Government, at any time since 24 November 2007, agreed to a rate increase; if so: (a) what was the amount of the increase; (b) when did the Government agree to the increase; and (c) when will the increase take effect.
 - (4) Has the Minister or the department considered the impact on the availability of prescription drugs in remote Australia if the rate is not increased; if so, what was the impact considered to be.

Notice given 5 March 2009

- *1365 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the hand back of the Mersey Community Hospital to state government control:
- (1) Have all Federal election commitments regarding the resourcing of Tasmania's hospitals, including the Mersey Community Hospital, been met.
 - (2) Does the Minister or the department maintain any oversight or control of the Mersey Community Hospital outside the Heads of Agreement.
 - (3) Were any special conditions outside the Heads of Agreement agreed to between the Federal and Tasmanian governments regarding the ongoing administration of the Mersey Community Hospital; if so, what were those conditions.
 - (4) Were any additional funding commitments above those promised during the 2007 election campaign made to any parties, including the Tasmanian Government and the Mersey Community Hospital board, to achieve the transition to state government control.

- (5) Have there been any variations to the Heads of Agreement signed on 28 August 2008; if so, what.

*1366 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) In approving the most recent increases in private health insurance premiums, what did the Government consider to be ‘the minimum necessary to meet legal requirements’; and (b) did this assume funds maintaining contribution reserves above statutory requirements; if so, to what extent.
- (2) Since 24 November 2007, has the Government made any changes to: (a) the ‘minimum necessary to meet legal requirements’ parameters; if so, what were they; and (b) any additional allowable contribution reserves above statutory requirements; if so, what were they.
- (3) Did the Minister or the department take into account advice from the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) that by the end of December 2008 the private health insurance industry has, on the whole, more than doubled the statutorily-required capital reserves.
- (4) Did the Minister or the department take into account that the ‘Board of Medibank Private has established a capital adequacy target in excess of the prudential capital adequacy requirements to cover both investment and non-investment risks’.
- (5) Has the Minister or the Government given special approval to the board of Medibank Private to maintain a ‘buffer’ of approximately \$800 million above the minimum required capital reserves.
- (6) In determining the adequacy of premiums to meet solvency requirements and projected claiming, did PHIAC or the department incorporate assumptions about the participation impact of the Government’s changes to Medicare Levy Surcharge thresholds in the 2009-10 financial year.
- (7) If the answer to (6) above is yes, will the Government release any such assumptions; if not, why not.

*1367 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Was any formal briefing or minute to the Minister on the most recent private health insurance premium round personally signed by the secretary or a deputy secretary of the department.
- (2) Were the Minister’s written queries to insurers consequent or additional to formal or informal approaches by officials of the department or the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC).
- (3) Were other funds, which were not written to by the Minister, approached by PHIAC or the department on the content of the premium applications with a view to revising premium increases downwards.
- (4) In addition to the Minister’s written approaches, did the Minister or the Minister’s office have conversations with the chief executives or chairmen of any health insurers about matters relating to premium applications or the general parameters of premium decisions, between their lodgement and the Government’s formal notification to insurers of the outcome of the premium round.

- (5) At any time, were the Australian Health Insurance Association or the Health Insurance Restricted Membership Association of Australia approached directly by the Minister, her office or the department and encouraged to maximise restraint in their members most recent round of premium change applications.
- (6) Did the secretary and/or any deputy secretary of the department or the head of the division of that department responsible for private health insurance make personal representations to either private health insurers or the two industry associations.

*1368 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that the Minister's press release of 2 March 2009 indicated that the premium application deadline will be a month earlier in future to enable the Government 'to analyse and assess applications to ensure that the increases sought by insurers are necessary' and will 'allow more time for negotiations with insurers', does this mean that the process to be followed in 2009, involving extensive personal intervention by the Minister, will become standard procedure for future years.
- (2) Was the decision to bring forward premium application deadlines by a month for future rounds made in consultation with the private health insurance industry.
- (3) (a) When will the industry be advised of the future procedures, rules and requirements for premium applications from 2010 onwards; and (b) will there be consultation with the industry before these rules and requirements are finalised.
- (4) Given the Minister's interventions in the most recent premium round, will the Minister accept personal responsibility for the full consequences of the Government's final decisions on private health insurance premiums.

*1369 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What variations to the forward estimates have been made in respect of private health insurance rebate outlays in the light of the most recent premium change process and the anticipated effects of the Medicare Levy Surcharge threshold changes.

*1370 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the provision of zero interest loans to aged care providers for the construction of new facilities:

- (1) Have any providers turned down offers by the department for the loans; if so, what were the stated reasons.
- (2) What is: (a) the total number of loans, broken down by state or territory; and (b) the total value of loans.
- (3) Why has the first round of loans not been completed.

*1371 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—(a) When will the next Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) commence; (b) what is the expected duration of the next ACAR; and (c) will beds that have not been taken up in last ACAR be included in the new round.

*1372 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Part 9A of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999* and associated regulations governing the provision of telephone sex services in Australia:

- (1) Does the Minister believe that the laws passed in 1999 are still achieving their stated goal of restricting phone sex services to 1900 numbers and to adults who have clearly elected in writing to access such services.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the increasing number of phone sex services advertising in major newspapers with mobile phone contact details only, rather than 1900 numbers.
- (3) Are the services advertised in breach of the current law.
- (4) Are breaches such as these investigated and prosecuted; if so, how many breaches have been prosecuted in 2008.
- (5) If phone sex services are being marketed and accessed through mobile phone numbers, how are children being stopped from accessing these services.

*1373 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the deadline health insurers had to lodge their premium applications for the most recent premium change process.
- (2) Subsequent to this date, on what date/dates did: (a) the Private Health Insurance Administration Council complete passing recommendations to the department on insurers' premium applications; (b) the department formally advise the Minister of the details of these applications, and the department's views on any or all of them; (c) the Minister request the department to prepare letters for the Minister's signature to insurers whose applications the Minister wishes to query; (d) the Minister write personally to the 17 funds whose applications the Minister is known to have queried; (e) the last response to these formal queries arrive from an insurer; and (f) the Minister's final sign-off on the next premium round.

*1374 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to full-time equivalent (FTE) positions within the Australian Crime Commission (ACC):

- (1) What was the budgeted FTE allocation of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (2) What was the actual staffing level, including officers seconded from state and territory agencies, of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (3) How many sworn officers, not including officers seconded from state and territory agencies, were employed by the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (4) How many officers seconded from state and territory agencies were employed by the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.

- (5) How many redundancies have there been among sworn officers of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, for the following periods: (a) the 2006-07 financial year; (b) the 2007-08 financial year; and (c) 1 July 2008 to 1 March 2009.
 - (6) How many redundancies are planned from 2 March to 30 June 2009, broken down by job category and state/territory.
- *1375 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission:
- (1) Have any external consultants been commissioned to support the commission's work; if so, for each consultancy: (a) who was the consultant; (b) what was the project title; and (c) what was the cost.
 - (2) Since the commission commenced, have any departmental officers travelled to any overseas destination to find out more about local health financing and/or social insurance arrangements, or any other matter under consideration by the commission; if so: (a) who undertook the travel; (b) to where did they travel; and (c) what subjects were under consideration.
 - (3) Has the commission, out of its own budget, undertaken overseas travel to look at international developments; if so: (a) who undertook the travel; (b) to where did they travel; and (c) what subjects were under consideration.
- *1376 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—In regard to the provision of 'gastro kits' to every aged care provider in Australia by the Minister in November 2008:
- (1) How many aged care providers have designated gastro-coordinators following the provision of the 'gastro kits'.
 - (2) Does the department record the number of gastro outbreaks in aged care facilities; if so, can a breakdown be provided on incidents of gastro in aged care facilities per month since January 2008.
- *1377 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the Government or the department undertaken any opinion polling, focus groups or other market research in relation to the possible Federal takeover of public hospitals; if so: (a) who conducted the research; (b) how much did it cost; and (c) what were the results.
- *1378 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the audited financial accounts currently provided by aged care industry participants.
 - (2) What steps has the department taken to ensure audited financial accounts prepared by participants in the aged care industry are provided in such a manner as to allow for the development of benchmarks and standards in the industry.

Notice given 10 March 2009

- *1379 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—
- (1) Can the Attorney-General confirm that the Australian Federal Police plan to construct two new buildings at the Australian Institute of Police Management on the Sydney Harbour foreshore at Spring Cove; if so, can details be provided regarding the functions of these new buildings.

- (2) Can the Attorney-General confirm whether environmental impact studies were undertaken regarding this development on an environmental sensitive site which is home to an endangered colony of little penguins and the internationally-recognised site of first contact between Europeans and Indigenous Australians.

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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).)

Amendments to standing orders

***2 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays – choice of senators to make a twenty minute speech—Amendment to standing order 54**

At the end of paragraph (5), add:

- (6) 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)

3 Legislative and general purpose committees—Amendment to standing order 25(9)

That subparagraph (d) of standing order 25(9) be amended to read as follows:

- (d) The deputy chair shall act as the chair of the committee when the member elected as chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(Agreed to 18 September 2008 upon adoption of recommendation at page 3 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2008.)

***4 No divisions on Thursdays after 4.30 pm (as against 6 pm in the standing order)—Amendment to standing order 57**

Paragraph (3) is amended as to read as follows:

- (3) 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)

***5 No questions to chairs of committees or senators other than ministers at question time—Amendment to standing order 72**

That standing order 72 be amended to read as follows:

72 Questions without notice

- (1) At the time provided questions may be put to ministers relating to public affairs.
- (2) A question may be put to the President in relation to matters for which the President has responsibility.
- (3)
 - (a) The asking of each question shall not exceed one minute and the answering of each question shall not exceed 4 minutes.
 - (b) The asking of each supplementary question shall not exceed one minute and the answering of each supplementary question shall not exceed one minute.
- (4)
 - (a) After question time motions may be moved without notice to take note of answers given that day to questions.
 - (b) A senator may speak for not more than 5 minutes on such a motion.
 - (c) The time for debate on all motions relating to answers to questions without notice on any day shall not exceed 30 minutes.

(Agreed to 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 3 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)

***6 Temporary appointment of substitute members of legislative and general purpose standing committees—Amendment to standing order 25**

At the end of subparagraph (7)(d), add:

- (e) If a member of a committee 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)

Committees

7 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.)

***8 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Community Affairs Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Tuesday, 10 March 2009, and Wednesday, 11 March 2009, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 and a related bill.

(Agreed to 10 March 2009.)

9 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.)

10 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.)

***11 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 11 March 2009, from 11 am to 1 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Auditor-General's role in scrutinising government advertising campaigns.

(Agreed to 10 March 2009.)

12 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.)

**13 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—
Authorisation to meet**

That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm, as follows:

- (a) on Tuesday, 10 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system;
- (b) on Wednesday, 11 March and Thursday, 12 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines;
- (c) on Tuesday, 17 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into meat marketing; and
- (d) on Thursday, 19 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia.

(Agreed to 12 February 2009.)

Estimates

14 2008-09 Additional estimates—2009-10 Budget estimates—Hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by standing committees for 2009 be scheduled as follows:

2008-09 additional estimates:

Monday, 23 February and Tuesday, 24 February 2009, and, if required, Friday, 27 February 2009 (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 25 February and Thursday, 26 February 2009, and, if required, Friday, 27 February 2009 (*Group B*).

2009-10 Budget estimates:

Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May 2009, and, if required, Friday, 29 May 2009 (*Group A*)

Monday, 1 June to Thursday, 4 June 2009, and, if required, Friday, 5 June 2009 (*Group B*)

Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October 2009 (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October 2009 (*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, 17 March 2009 in respect of the 2008-09 additional estimates; and
 - (b) Tuesday, 23 June 2009 in respect of the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 12 November 2008; amended 5 February 2009.)

15 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Indigenous matters

That the Senate endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.10 of the Community Affairs Committee report on the 2008-09 Budget estimates that:

Future estimates hearing programs include a separate time to conduct an estimates hearing on Indigenous matters that would include all the portfolios with budget expenditure or responsibility for Indigenous issues.

(Agreed to 26 August 2008.)

16 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.

17 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
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.

18 2008-09 Supplementary Budget estimates—Answers to questions

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

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 4 December 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 5 December 2008

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Friday, 28 November 2008
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Wednesday, 10 December 2008

Group B:

Community Affairs Friday, 12 December 2008
 Economics Friday, 12 December 2008
 Education, Employment and Workplace
 Relations Friday, 28 November 2008
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Thursday, 4 December 2008

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

Meeting of Senate**19 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2009 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 3 February to Thursday, 5 February
 Monday, 9 February to Thursday, 12 February

Autumn sittings (2):

Tuesday, 10 March to Thursday, 12 March
 Monday, 16 March to Thursday, 19 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June
 Monday, 22 June to Thursday, 25 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 11 August to Thursday, 13 August
 Monday, 17 August to Thursday, 20 August
 Monday, 7 September to Thursday, 10 September
 Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 17 September

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 26 October to Thursday, 29 October
 Monday, 16 November to Thursday, 19 November
 Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November.

(Agreed to 12 November 2008; amended 5 February 2009.)

Orders for production of documents**20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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.)

26 Environment—Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 4 September 2008, the report of the Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies recently completed by Mr Roger Wilkins, AO, with the support by a secretariat located in the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 3 September 2008.)

27 Water Act 2007—Critical human water needs—Definitions and criteria—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Climate Change and Water, by 10 March 2009, in relation to section 86A of the *Water Act 2007*, a document containing the following:

(a) a comprehensive, practical definition of the term, ‘critical human water needs’ which identifies categories of users of such water and allowable purposes for the use of such water;

(b) a definition of the core human consumption requirements which would satisfy paragraph 86A(2)(a);

- (c) a definition of the non-human consumption requirements which would satisfy paragraph 86A(2)(b); and
- (d) clear, transparent and equitable criteria the Murray-Darling Basin Authority will apply:
 - (i) in determining whether the definition in paragraph 86A(2)(a) is met,
 - (ii) in determining whether the definition in paragraph 86A(2)(b) is met,
 - (iii) in determining the volume of conveyance water required to deliver water to meet critical human water needs, and
 - (iv) to monitor the use of such water to ensure it is used for the allowable purposes referred to in paragraph (a) of this resolution.

(Motion of Senator Fisher agreed to 3 December 2008.)

28 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Treasury modelling—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy contracted Dr Brian Fisher from Concept Economics to conduct an independent peer review of the Department of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the Government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme,
 - (ii) the committee wrote to the Treasurer (Mr Swan) on 9 December 2008 requesting that Dr Fisher, be given 'full access to the government's complete documentation of the government's models together with the model codes and databases and any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the policy scenarios, but not publicly released' by 17 December 2008,
 - (iii) the Treasurer has refused the committee's request, and
 - (iv) Dr Fisher has reported that he was impeded in carrying out the work requested by the committee because the information requested from the Treasurer was not made available to him; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on 5 February 2009, the following information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's low pollution future: The economics of climate change mitigation*:
 - (i) the model documentation and codes together with all databases for both the global trade and environment model and the Monash multi-regional forecasting model that were employed in the department's modelling of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme scenarios in a form that would allow the reproduction of the department's results, and
 - (ii) any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the abovementioned policy scenarios but not publicly released.

(Motion of Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 4 February 2009.)

29 Taxation—Alcohol—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the response from the Department of the Treasury to straightforward questions regarding the amount of revenue collected as a result of the increase in the excise on ‘alcopops’ effective 27 April 2008 and other excise measures [question no. sbt 3, parts (1), (18), (19) and (20)] placed on notice at hearings of the Economics Committee in October 2008, that ‘This information is not publicly available’, and
 - (ii) that there has never been any suggestion, nor would it be accepted by the Senate, that answers to questions asked by senators at estimates hearings should be limited to publicly available material;
- (b) considers that this response amounts to a refusal to answer the questions;
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 February 2009 meaningful answers to parts (1), (18), (19) and (20) of question no. sbt 3, previously placed on notice at hearings of the Economics Committee in October 2008; and
- (d) orders that there be laid on the table by 23 February 2009, meaningful answers to the following additional questions:
- (i) what tax revenue has been collected in each of the following categories of alcohol since 27 April 2008:
 - (A) beer,
 - (B) cask wine,
 - (C) bottled wine,
 - (D) cider,
 - (E) spirits, and
 - (F) other excisable beverages, i.e. ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages (alcopops),
 - (ii) for each of the categories in question (d)(i), what volumes of alcohol (measured in litres of alcohol) were either:
 - (A) cleared for home consumption, or
 - (B) subject to tax under the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999*,
 - (iii) what is the measured price elasticity of RTD beverages, given the data collected since 27 April 2008,
 - (iv) is the measured elasticity since 27 April 2008 consistent with the Department of the Treasury modelling underlying the revenue impacts of the tax increase measure published in the 2008-09 Budget,
 - (v) what were the Department of the Treasury’s estimates of RTD own-price and cross-price elasticity with other alcohol beverages used to calculate the revenue estimates from different alcohol products included in the *Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2008-09*,
 - (vi) what volume growth rates have been assumed by the Department of the Treasury for different alcohol beverages for the financial years included in the *Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2008-09*,

- (vii) what advice was produced by the Department of the Treasury or the Department of Health and Ageing regarding likely substitution effects prior to or following the introduction of the alcopops tax,
- (viii) what evidence has the Government collected regarding reduction in risky or high risk drinking and/or at risk behaviour among:
 - (A) all drinkers,
 - (B) the following age groups – under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 40 and over 40,
 - (C) men, and
 - (D) women, and
- (ix) what evidence has the Government, including the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, collected regarding those alcohol products most likely to be associated with low risk, risky and high risk drinking among different age and gender categories.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 4 February 2009.)

30 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, no later than 10 am on the day after the day the winning bid is announced:

- (a) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's formal report on the National Broadband Network (NBN) proposals to the NBN Panel of Experts; and
- (b) the final report provided to the Government from the NBN Panel of Experts on submissions to the NBN process.

(Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 4 February 2009.)

Question time

31 Restructuring question time—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order during 2009:

No notice to be given of questions, as at present.

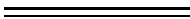
Primary questions to be limited to one minute and the answers to them to two minutes.

Two supplementary questions to be allowed to the questioner.

Supplementary questions and the answers to them to be limited to one minute each.

Answers to be required to be directly relevant to each question, as in the original proposal.

(Agreed to 13 November 2008; continuation of temporary order agreed to 4 December 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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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 Joyce)
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, Crossin, Forshaw, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Marshall, McGauran, 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)
- Men's Health
- National Broadband Network
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
- State Government Financial Management (final report—18 September 2008)

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 and 13 November 2008)

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, 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 inquiries

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market (*referred 14 February 2008; final reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

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

Report presented

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Interim report (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

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*)

Annual report 2007-08 (*tabled 4 September 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 Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron and Parry and Mr Chester, Mr Clare, Mr Hayes and Ms Ley

Reports presented

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

* Inquiry into law enforcement integrity models (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Boyce (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fielding, Parry and Polley and Mr Champion, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes, Ms Ley and Mr Wood

Current inquiry

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

Reports presented

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

Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

The President, the Speaker, and Senators O'Brien and Parry 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, Furner and Humphries

Substitute members

Senator Fifield to replace Senator Adams from 10 March to 12 May 2009

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, 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, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of March 2009)

Implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children (referred 18 September 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of March 2009)

Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (referred 11 November 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of 2009)

Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions], and a related matter (referred 12 February 2009; reporting date: 13 March 2009)

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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Towards recovery: Mental health services in Australia (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Draft National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits — Charges) Regulations 2008 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Building trust: Supporting families through disability trusts (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008, Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 12 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 November 2008*)

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 20 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009: Provisions relating to the social housing program (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Marshall and Williams† and Ms Grierson, Ms Owens, Mr Pearce and Mr Robert

†For the duration of the committee's inquiry into financial products and services in Australia

Current inquiries

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

Financial products and services in Australia (*adopted 25 February 2009*)

Reports presented

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

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 2 September 2008*)

Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

- * Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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, Pratt and Xenophon

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, 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 and Wortley

Current inquiries

Bank mergers (*referred 24 November 2008; reporting date: by 17 September 2009*)

Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 30 April 2009*)

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*)
Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (*tabled 28 August 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 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 28 August 2008*)
Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (*tabled 1 September 2008*)
Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 16 September 2008*)
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 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] (*tabled 23 September 2008*)
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*tabled 13 October 2008*)
Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 13 October 2008*)
National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)
Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 20 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 November 2008*) and additional comments by Opposition senators (*tabled 24 November 2008*)
Lost in Space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector (*tabled 12 November 2008*)
Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 18 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*) and minority report by Senator Xenophon (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 [Provisions], Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

The need, scope and content of a definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Financial Relations Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Federal Financial Relations (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 27 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

* Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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

Substitute members

Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change—Senator Milne to replace Senator Siewert

Oversight of the child care industry—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Siewert

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, 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, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

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

Oversight of the child care industry (*referred 25 November 2008; reporting date: 18 June 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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Parry, on 28 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 1 December 2008*)

Allegations of academic bias in universities and schools (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 27 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

* Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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 inquiry

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

Reports presented

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

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Advisory report (*tabled 10 November 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*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boswell, Ludlam, Lundy, Pratt, Troeth and Wortley

Substitute members

Effectiveness of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities—Senator Nash to replace Senator Boswell

Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

Participating members

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

Current inquiries

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 dates: first report by 11 March 2009 and final report on 24 April 2009*)

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2009*)

Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 27 March 2009*)

Reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media (*referred 12 February 2009; reporting date: 14 May 2009*)

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*)

Waste management in Australia (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008) (*tabled 3 September 2008*)

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 15 September 2008*) and additional comments by Senator Joyce (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 (*tabled 13 October 2008*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 (*tabled 25 November 2008*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 18 December 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 3 February 2009*)

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*), and Senators Bernardi, Cameron, Collins, Hanson-Young, Moore, Parry and Ryan

Substitute members

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008—Senator Bob Brown to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Residential and community aged care in Australia—

Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Senator Humphries to replace Senator Ryan

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, 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, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Residential and community aged care in Australia (*referred to the Economics Committee 25 September 2008; transferred 14 October 2008; reporting date: 29 April 2009*)

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 (*referred 13 November 2008; reporting date: 15 June 2009*)

Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009] (*referred 26 November 2008; reporting date: 10 March 2009*)

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*)

Knock, knock...who's there? The Lobbying Code of Conduct (*tabled 3 September 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Nation building and jobs plan inquiry into the provisions of the Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009 and 5 related bills (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

* Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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 Bishop, Ferguson, Fifield, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, 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 Markus, Mrs Mirabella, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, 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*)

Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific (*referred 3 September 2008*)
 Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power (*referred 2 March 2006; recommenced 27 August 2008*)

Reports presented

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)
 Review of the Defence annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 2 December 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 Feeney, Ferguson, Forshaw, Kroger, Ludlam and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, 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*) and addendum (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Fourth progress report (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 20 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting date: 21 October 2009*)

Members

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Fifield, Joyce and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, 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 Coonan, Forshaw, Marshall and McGauran and Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Hull, Mr Melham and Mr Robb

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 community (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 7 – Australian intelligence community (*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*)
Annual report of committee activities 2007-08 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group, Jamiat ul-Ansar and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

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

Substitute member

Australia's judicial system—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, 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

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (*referred 13 November 2008; interim report presented 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 11 March 2009*)

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 4 December 2008; interim reports presented 26 February and 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 11 March 2009*)

Australia's judicial system (*referred 5 February 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009*)

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 12 February 2009; interim report presented 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 11 March 2009*)

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*)

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 August 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 7 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 12 December 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 3 February 2009*)

Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 17 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 23 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim reports (*presented to the President on 26 February and 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

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

Men's Health—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 13 November 2008; reporting date: 30 May 2009*)

Members

Senator Bernardi (*Chair*), Senators Cash†, Lundy, Sterle, Troeth and Williams

†Senator Cash to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in her place

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Mason, Marshall, McEwen, McGauran, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Trood and Wortley

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, Fierravanti-Wells, Hanson-Young and McEwen and Ms D'Ath, Mr Georgiou, Dr Stone 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*)

Report presented

Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning (Criteria for release from immigration detention)—First report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

National Broadband Network—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; final reporting date: 30 March 2009*)

Members

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

Participating members

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

Report presented

Interim report (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

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

Current inquiry

The changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories (*adopted 11 February 2009*)

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/jsopl/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Fielding, 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*)

135th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren Christian Fellowship) (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

137th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Anthony and Mrs Brenda Bird, members of the Exclusive Brethren) (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

136th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Barry Williams, President of the Lone Fathers Association of Australia Inc) (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

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 Abetz, Bob Brown, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig and Parry

Reports presented

First report of 2008—Restructuring question time; Reference of bills to committees; Questions to chairs of committees; Deputy chairs of committees; Leave to make statements (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Second report of 2008—Questions to chairs of committees and other senators (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Third report of 2008—Restructuring question time (*tabled 12 November 2008*)

First report of 2009—Restructuring question time; Legislative and general purpose standing committees; Temporary orders (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

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)
 - 4th report (tabled 4 September 2008)
 - 5th report (tabled 25 September 2008)
 - 6th report (tabled 16 October 2008)
 - 7th report (tabled 13 November 2008)
 - 8th report (tabled 4 December 2008)
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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 Barnett, Bishop, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy and Mr Bevis, Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Bradbury, Mr Briggs, Mr Butler, Ms King, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert

Current inquiries

- Review of Auditor-General's reports (*statutory responsibility*)
- Review of the *Auditor-General Act 1997* (adopted 25 February 2009)

Reports presented

- Report 410—Tax administration (tabled 26 June 2008)
- Report 411—Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence (tabled 1 September 2008)
- Report 412—Audit reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament (tabled 1 September 2008)
- Report 413—The efficiency dividend and small agencies: Size does matter (tabled 4 December 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 Lindsay, Mr Price 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)

Referrals tabled March – June 2008 (Sixth report of 2008) (*tabled 2 September 2008*)
 Update report: The Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre Project (Seventh report of 2008) (*tabled 23 September 2008*)

Australian Super Hornet Facilities Project, RAAF Base Amberley (Eighth report of 2008) (*presented to the President on 22 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)

Referrals tabled June – September 2008 (Ninth report of 2008) (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

- * Seventy-second annual report (*tabled 10 March 2009*)
- * Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities Project (First report of 2009) (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 19 March 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting dates varied 12 February 2009; reporting dates: 15 June 2009, 26 November 2009, 30 March 2010 and 30 September 2010*)

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, 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

Report presented

First report 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 September 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

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*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March 2007 to June 2008 (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2008, dated February 2009 (*tabled 5 February 2009*)

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 Farrell, Heffernan, Hutchins, McGauran, O'Brien and Williams

Substitute members

Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania—Senator Barnett to replace Senator Heffernan

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne

Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne

Participating members

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

Current inquiries

Meat marketing (*referred 19 March 2008; interim report tabled 4 September 2008; final reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 12 March 2009*)

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (*referred 27 August 2008; report on matters specified in part (1) presented 10 October 2008; reporting date for matters specified in part (2): 19 March 2009*)

Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (*referred 28 August 2008; reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (*referred 27 November 2008; reporting date: 19 March 2009*)

Public passenger transport in Australia (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 18 June 2009*)

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*)

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Interim report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Meat marketing—Interim report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (*tabled 23 September 2008*)

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008, Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008 and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 3 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Inquiry into water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008)—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 3 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 10 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated November 2008 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008, Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008 and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 19 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 21 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*) and corrigenda (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 21 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

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

Members

Senator Coonan (*Chairman*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Siewert 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*)

No. 8 of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)

No. 9 of 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

No. 10 of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

No. 11 of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)

No. 12 of 2008 (*tabled 12 November 2008*)

No. 13 of 2008 (*tabled 26 November 2008*)

No. 14 of 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

No. 1 of 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2009*)

No. 2 of 2009 (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

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*)

Eighth report of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)

Ninth report of 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Tenth report of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

The work of the committee during the 41st Parliament: November 2004 – October 2007 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

Eleventh report of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)
 Twelfth report of 2008 (*tabled 12 November 2008*)
 First report of 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2009*)

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 Bushby†, Coonan, Ludwig and McEwen

†Senator Bushy to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in his place

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*)
 Report no. 9 of 2008 (*presented 3 September 2008*)
 Report no. 10 of 2008 (*presented 4 September 2008*)
 Report no. 11 of 2008 (*presented 18 September 2008*)
 Report no. 12 of 2008 (*presented 25 September 2008*)
 Report no. 13 of 2008 (*presented 15 October 2008*)
 Report no. 14 of 2008 (*presented 16 October 2008*)
 Report no. 15 of 2008 (*presented 13 November 2008*)
 Report no. 16 of 2008 (*presented 26 November 2008*)
 Report no. 17 of 2008 (*presented 4 December 2008*)
 Report no. 1 of 2009 (*presented 5 February 2009*)
 Report no. 2 of 2009 (*presented 12 February 2009*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

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

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Forshaw (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Bob Brown, Fifield, Humphries, Parry† and Pratt

†Senator Parry to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in his place

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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 June and 22 September 2008 (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests of senators lodged by 23 September 2008—Volumes 1 (A–F) and 2 (G–Z) (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 September and 1 December 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

Declarations of gifts lodged

Register of gifts to the Senate and to the Parliament, incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 19 June 2007 and 23 September 2008 (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of gifts to the Senate and to the Parliament, incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 24 September and 1 December 2008 (*tabled 3 December 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, 27 August and 17 September 2008; final report tabled 18 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*), Senator McGauran (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, Ludlam, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Briggs, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Mrs Irwin, Ms Neal, Ms Parke, Mr Simpkins and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries

All treaties tabled in the Senate

Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament (*referred 13 October 2008*)

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*)

Report 93—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2008 (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Report 94—Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Report 95—Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Report 96—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Report 97—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 4 December 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 Youth 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 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 Trade 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 the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs Minister for the Status of Women
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 Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Employment Participation 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</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector</i>	
Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery</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 Search and at: www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm

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