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## 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.

### Orders of the Day

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

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

- 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.

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

Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

\*4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

\*5 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Native Title Amendment Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Orders of the Day

1 **Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009**

**Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*18 March 2009*).

\*2 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 March 2009*).

3 **Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).

4 **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*).

5 **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*).

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

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

7 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery, Senator Arbib*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 March 2009*).

8 **Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*18 March 2009*).

- 9 **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).
- \*10 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Name Change) Bill 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (20 March 2009).
- 11 **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*).
- 12 **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*).
- 13 **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*).
- 14 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- \*15 **AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 March 2009).
- 16 **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*).
- 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 **Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009**  
In committee (20 March 2009).
- 19 **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*).
- 20 **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*).
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**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—Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 19 March 2009*).
- \*2 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 100—Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2)**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 19 March 2009*).
- \*3 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Grasping the opportunity of Opal: Assessing the impact of the Petrol Sniffing Strategy**  
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, 19 March 2009*).
- 4 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—First report—The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).
- 5 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 (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 6 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 (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 7 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 (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 8 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 Macdonald, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 9 **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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 10 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Interim report**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 11 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### Order of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports

- 1 **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**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- \*2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Rural and Remote Health Workforce Capacity – the contribution made by programs administered by the Department of Health and Ageing—Department of Health and Ageing**  
Consideration (*19 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 17 March 2009*

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

- (a) notes that ministers and officers have continued to refuse to provide information to Senate committees without properly raising claims of public interest immunity as required by past resolutions of the Senate;
- (b) reaffirms the principles of past resolutions of the Senate by this order, to provide ministers and officers with guidance as to the proper process for raising public interest immunity claims and to consolidate those past resolutions of the Senate; and
- (c) orders that the following operate as an order of continuing effect:
  - (1) If:
    - (a) a Senate committee, or a senator in the course of proceedings of a committee, requests information or a document from a Commonwealth department or agency; and
    - (b) an officer of the department or agency to whom the request is directed believes that it may not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee, the officer shall state to the committee the ground on which the officer believes that it may not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee, and specify the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document.
  - (2) If, after receiving the officer's statement under paragraph (1), the committee or the senator requests the officer to refer the question of the disclosure of the information or document to a responsible minister, the officer shall refer that question to the minister.



- (3) If a minister, on a reference by an officer under paragraph (2), concludes that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee, the minister shall provide to the committee a statement of the ground for that conclusion, specifying the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document.
- (4) A minister, in a statement under paragraph (3), shall indicate whether the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document to the committee could result only from the publication of the information or document by the committee, or could result, equally or in part, from the disclosure of the information or document to the committee as in camera evidence.
- (5) If, after considering a statement by a minister provided under paragraph (3), the committee concludes that the statement does not sufficiently justify the withholding of the information or document from the committee, the committee shall report the matter to the Senate.
- (6) A decision by a committee not to report a matter to the Senate under paragraph (5) does not prevent a senator from raising the matter in the Senate in accordance with other procedures of the Senate.
- (7) A statement that information or a document is not published, or is confidential, or consists of advice to, or internal deliberations of, government, in the absence of specification of the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document, is not a statement that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) or (4).
- (8) If a minister concludes that a statement under paragraph (3) should more appropriately be made by the head of an agency, by reason of the independence of that agency from ministerial direction or control, the minister shall inform the committee of that conclusion and the reason for that conclusion, and shall refer the matter to the head of the agency, who shall then be required to provide a statement in accordance with paragraph (3).

*Notice of motion altered on 17 March 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 17 March 2009.*

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

407 **Senator Cormann:** To move—That the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008 for the production of documents relating to departmental and agency appointments be amended as follows:

At the end of paragraph (1)(a), add “and the place of permanent residence by state or territory of the appointee”.

*Notice given 19 March 2009*

- \*413 **Chair of the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries for inquiry and report:

The incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia, including:

- (a) the impact of bushfires on human and animal life, agricultural land, the environment, public and private assets and local communities;
- (b) factors contributing to the causes and risks of bushfires across Australia, including natural resource management policies, hazard reduction and agricultural land maintenance;
- (c) the extent and effectiveness of bushfire mitigation strategies and practices, including application of resources for agricultural land, national parks, state forests, other Crown land, open space areas adjacent to development and private property and the impact of hazard reduction strategies;
- (d) the identification of measures that can be undertaken by government, industry and the community and the effectiveness of these measures in protecting agricultural industries;
- (e) any alternative or developmental bushfire prevention and mitigation approaches which can be implemented;
- (f) the appropriateness of planning and building codes with respect to land use in bushfire prone regions;
- (g) the adequacy and funding of fire-fighting resources both paid and voluntary and the usefulness of and impact on on-farm labour; and
- (h) the role of volunteers.

- \*414 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948* to remove excessive superannuation arrangements for federal politicians, and for related purposes. *Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009*.

## **Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents**

### **1 Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

### **2 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### **3 Airservices Australia—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 12 March 2009*).

### **4 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 (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

**5 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**6 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**7 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**8 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**9 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**10 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**11 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**12 Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**13 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**14 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**15 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**16 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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).

- 17 **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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 18 **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 Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 19 **Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2007-08—Correction**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 20 **National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 21 **Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 22 **Australian River Co. Limited—Report for 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 23 **Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (Screenrights)—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 24 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 25 **Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 26 **General Practice Education and Training Limited—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 27 **Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2007-08 on the operation of the Act**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 28 **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**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 29 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 481/08 to 491/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 30 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Crime Commission**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 31 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 32 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 33 **Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004—Report on financial assistance granted to each state in respect of 2007**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mason—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Mason, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 34 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Customs Service**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 35 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 36 **Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 37 **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*).
- 38 **Australian Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 39 **Telstra Sale Company Limited—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 40 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 49: Administrative accountability in business areas subject to complex and specific regulation, dated November 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 41 **Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel Selection Committee—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 42 **Snowy Hydro Limited—Financial report for the period 1 July 2007 to 28 June 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 43 **Skills Australia—Report for the period 20 March to 30 June 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 44 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 45 **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).
- 46 **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).
- 47 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 48 **ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 49 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 50 **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).
- 51 **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).
- 52 **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).

- 53 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 54 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 55 **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*).
- 56 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on state revenue sharing relativities—2009 update**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brandis—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).
- 57 **Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of research and consumer representation in relation to telecommunications—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).
- 58 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 18 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 the 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 Farrell, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 81 **Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 March 2009*).
- 82 **Trade—ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand free trade area—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 16 March 2009*).

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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 14 May 2009

### Business of the Senate—Orders 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.
- 2 **Climate Policy—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.
- 3 **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.

**On 15 May 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

\*1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on compliance audits on Medicare benefits.

**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 17 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on foreign investment in Australia.

**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.

**\*3 Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the national registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers.

**On 22 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

**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.

**Ten sitting days after today (25 June 2009)**

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 16 March 2009*

- 1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument number CASA 627/08, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2008L04468]

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

- 2 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Other Grants Guidelines (Research) 2008, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, be disallowed. [F2008L04398]

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

**Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 12 May 2009**  
(*Notice given 19 March 2009*)

**On 25 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.

**2 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.



### 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.

### Thirteen sitting days after today (13 August 2009)

#### Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 19 March 2009*

- \*1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That ACIS Administration (Commonwealth Financial Assistance) Determination 2009, made under subsections 11(3) and (4) of the *ACIS Administration Act 1999*, be disallowed. [F2009L00246]

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

- \*2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Banking Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2008 No. 280 and made under the *Banking Act 1959*, be disallowed. [F2008L04660]

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

- \*3 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 3 of 2008, made under subsections 11AF(1) and (3) of the *Banking Act 1959*, be disallowed. [F2008L04782]

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

- \*4 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Family Law Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 3), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2008 No. 258 and made under the *Family Law Act 1975*, be disallowed. [F2008L04634]

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

- \*5 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument number CASA 51/09, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2009L00170]

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

- \*6 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Insurance Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2008 No. 281 and made under the *Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed. [F2008L04646]

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

- \*7 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Social Security (Administration) (Schooling Requirement) Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under section 124C of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, be disallowed. [F2009L00240]

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

### On 17 August 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- \*1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on access to justice.
- \*2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia's judicial system and the role of judges.

### On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2009 (9 September 2009)

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Standing Committees**  
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009.

### By 17 September 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on bank mergers.
- 2 **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 21 October 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

**On 23 November 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

Report to be presented on financial products and services in Australia.

**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*).

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## 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*).

### **Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 19 March 2009; interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 2009*).

### **Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 19 March 2009; interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 2009*).

### **Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 19 March 2009; interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 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*).

### **Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 7 May 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)*

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

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## **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.

**Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]—(Senate bill)**

Second reading negatived, 11 March 2009.

**Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**

**Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**

Third reading negatived, 18 March 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.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 629 to 1483 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)). Questions marked (†) were placed on notice after the last sitting day but have been answered.

*Notice given 25 August 2008***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.

629 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

631 Minister for Climate Change and Water

**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.

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.

708 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

709 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

*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 24 November 2008*

**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.

892 Minister representing the Attorney-General

**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

911 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

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

**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

928 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

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

942 Minister representing the Minister for Youth

943 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

**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  
(*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 22 April 2009*)

946 Minister representing the Treasurer

947 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

951 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

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

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

955 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

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

- 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 (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

*Notice given 25 November 2008*

**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.

- 1009 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1011 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1012 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1014 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1018 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1022 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1035 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)
- 1037 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

*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.

1057 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

1058 Special Minister of State

1064 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

1070 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1075 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

1078 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

**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.

1106 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1111 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

*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.

*Notice given 20 January 2009*

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.

*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 5 February 2009*

**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.

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

1279 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 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 26 February 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 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 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 5 March 2009*

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

*Notice given 11 March 2009*

1385 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) aware of a report/brief about Mr Mamdouh Habib prepared by Mr Abbas Abou Abdallah, an Ethnic Community Liaison Officer attached to Bankstown police, dated 20 June 2001; if so, was this document provided by the New South Wales Police Service Protective Security Group and if it was, when.
- (2) Was this document used by ASIO or other federal government agencies in considerations as to whether Mr Habib was a national security threat.
- (3) Was this document used by ASIO or other federal government agencies in Mr Habib's court actions, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal hearing to have his passport returned or the Federal Court proceedings for compensation.
- (4) Was this document supplied to a court, a magistrate, a judge or a Justice of the Peace at any time.
- (5) Was this document or any part of it sent to the intelligence/security agencies of any other country.
- (6) Has ASIO used this document at any time in support of applications for a telephone intercept or a search warrant regarding Mr Habib.
- (7) Is ASIO still monitoring Mr Habib.
- (8) Did ASIO have a representative in Egypt at any time while Mr Habib was in Egypt; if so, did that representative have any dealings whatsoever with the Central Intelligence Agency or Egyptian authorities in Egypt concerning Mr Habib.

1386 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the rationale behind having the Special Forces pay groups and pay grade placements (Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal [DFRT] Determination No. 2 of 2008) being aligned against a new trade-based model.
- (2) (a) Who signed off and approved this new model prior to it being submitted to the DFRT; and (b) when did this happen.
- (3) Why were additional courses, previously unmentioned from the qualification standards to meet Employment Category Number (ECN) 353 SASR [Special Air Service Regiment] Trooper in previous trade models, included.

- (4) Why was the decision made to not have any non-determent clause or non-reduction period added into the determination to allow those members who were previously qualified as ECN 353 under previous trade models to be accounted for as qualified in this new trade model.
- (5) Who determined and on what basis was a recommendation made that gave SASR officers and primary ECN 353 SASR Operators waivers for the courses which were added to the trade model and which deemed them as compliant and proficient on PMKeyS.
- (6) Why were beret qualified support staff not given the same treatment, which has resulted in this current situation.

1387 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) Who directed the 10 per cent audit of Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) personnel's pay and conditions in 2008; (b) when was this directive given; (c) when did this directive come into effect; (d) how many of the audited SASR personnel were affected by this action; (e) how and when were the personnel that were adversely affected by this audit, informed of their debt; and (f) what was the amount for each debit notice that was raised against each of the audited SASR personnel.
- (2) (a) Who directed that this audit be increased to 100 per cent; (b) when was this decision made to conduct this audit; (b) when did this decision come into effect; (c) how many of the audited SASR personnel were affected by this action; (d) how and when were the personnel adversely affected by this audit, informed of their debt; (e) what was the amount for each debit notice that was raised against each of the audited SASR personnel; and (f) did this audit adversely affect any primary ECN 353 SASR troopers; if not, why not.

*Notice given 12 March 2009*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1391-1426)—For the 2008 calendar year, can details be provided of the start date, duration and nature (direct source or open source) of tender for each contract for external speechwriting services entered into by the department.

1392 Minister representing the Minister for Education

1393 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1394 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

1407 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1420 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation

1425 Minister representing the Minister for Youth

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1427-1431)—

- (1) On what date did the Minister first become aware that Pacific Brands were considering reducing employment levels in Australia and/or closing any or all of their Australian clothing manufacturing facilities.
- (2) Since 1 December 2008, what discussions has the Minister, the Minister's office or the department had with Pacific Brands' chairman, board members, employees or any form of company representative regarding Pacific Brands' future operations in Australia; if any, for each instance, please identify: (a) by whom; (b) with whom; and (c) on what date.

1427 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 5 May 2009*)

- 1428 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 5 May 2009*)
- 1429 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 5 May 2009*)
- 1430 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 5 May 2009*)
- 1431 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

- 1440 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many Australia's overseas aid program (AusAID) staff are assigned to Australia's aid program for Africa.
  - (2) Have any AusAID and/or departmental staff been assigned to support the Governor-General's trip to Africa during March and early April 2009; if so, for how long has each staff member been assigned.
  - (3) When did the Governor-General receive invitations from each African nation on the itinerary.
  - (4) What is the estimated cost of the Governor-General's trip to Africa.
  - (5) (a) What is the estimated cost of the Government's bid for a temporary seat on the United Nations (UN) Security Council; and (b) does this include any or all of the estimated cost of the Governor-General's trip to Africa; if so, what amount.
  - (6) How many staff will be travelling with the Governor-General.
  - (7) How many AusAID and/or departmental staff will be travelling with the Governor-General.
  - (8) In regard to the lobbying the Governor-General is to undertake on the Government's behalf in support of the Government's bid for a temporary seat on the UN Security Council: (a) when did the Government make this request; (b) how did the Government make this request; (c) what instructions did the Government give to the Governor-General; and (d) what restrictions, if any, were placed on the Governor-General to make commitments on behalf of the Government.

*Notice given 19 March 2009*

- \*1445 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the findings of the Snowy Scientific Committee in October 2008 that environmental flows in the Snowy River are inadequate:
- (1) Is the Federal Government able to instruct Snowy Hydro Limited (the licence holder) to release legislated environmental flows down the river; if so, does the Federal Government plan to do so.
  - (2) Will the Federal Government move to renegotiate the Snowy Water Licence to ensure that the environmental flow targets of the 2002 Snowy Water Inquiry Outcomes Implementation Deed are met.

- (3) (a) Is the Minister confident that Snowy Hydro Limited and the New South Wales Water Administration Ministerial Corporation are the best placed entities to manage the release of environmental flows; and (b) has the department considered other entities to take over this role.
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that there are no moves afoot to privatise the Snowy Scheme or to further increase its independence from the three governments.

\*1446† **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) Since 1 July 2008, has the Australian Electoral Commission commenced any habitation reviews, including ‘doorknocks’; if so, in which electorates have these been conducted.
- (2) What criteria are used in determining which seats will be subject to a habitation review.
- (3) Have these habitation reviews been conducted across all residences in electorates or only at selected residences which might be considered ‘high risk’.
- (4) In relation to the people who are listed as living at a particular address but who, during the habitation review, have been found to be not living at that address:
  - (a) which electorates had the greatest and least number of incorrect enrolments identified by the habitation review process in this period, and what were the respective numbers; and
  - (b) what was the average number of incorrect enrolments identified by the habitation review process in this period.

\*1447† **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Since 1 January 2009, how many times has the Treasurer visited the United Kingdom, and for each trip: (a) how many *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MoPS) staff accompanied the Treasurer; (b) how many MoPS staff travelled first class; (c) what was the aggregate cost of first class airfares for MoPS staff; (d) how many Australian Public Service (APS) staff accompanied the Treasurer; (e) how many APS staff travelled first class; and (f) what was the aggregate cost of first class airfares for APS staff.
- (2) Does the Treasurer believe that international business class travel represents an unacceptably low level of comfort and status for himself, his staff and his officials; if not, can the Treasurer provide all examples of where he has travelled international business class since 1 January 2008.

*Notice given 20 March 2009*

\*1448† **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—  
Can details be provided for each of the 30 most expensive projects that are currently being managed by the Defence Materiel Organisation, including:

- (a) the total amount approved for the project;
- (b) the cumulative expenditure for the project to 30 November 2007;
- (c) the cumulative spend on the project to 30 November 2008;
- (d) the actual spend on the project to 28 February 2009; and
- (e) the total amount approved for the through-life support system into the forward estimates of the project.

\*1449† **Senator Colbeck:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the importation of pet food products and the requirement by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) under the *Quarantine Act 1908* to ensure heat treatment or gamma radiation of any suspect product to manage any potential importation of animal diseases such as foot and mouth disease:

- (1) Has AQIS contacted import permit holders of pet foods to advise them of the potential health impact of feeding irradiated dry pet food to cats; if so, when.
- (2) What is the current status of the department's interactions with the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia Inc. regarding the development of a voluntary industry code of practice for the manufacturing and marketing of pet food.

\*1450 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Given that the Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Platform 2007 committed support for a nomination of Antarctica to the World Heritage List, will the ALP now it is in Government commit to nominating Antarctica to the World Heritage List; if so, when does the Government intend to make the nomination; if not, why not.
- (2) Is it possible for one country to nominate Antarctica to the list; if not, how many are needed.
- (3) Has the Government approached other countries to work towards the nomination of Antarctica for World Heritage listing.

\*1451 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What is the current 'standard' size of an electorate office.
- (2) What is the average actual size of all electorate offices, excluding 'second offices' for the members that are entitled to have them.
- (3) For each senator and member, can a list be provided detailing:
  - (a) the size of their main electorate office, or in the case of ministers, parliamentary secretaries and office holders, their joint office;
  - (b) the date at which the current lease expires (not applicable to Commonwealth Parliament Offices (CPO) suites);
  - (c) the value of the lease (not applicable to CPO suites); and
  - (d) whether the building is heritage listed or not.
- (4) For each minister and office holder, can a list be provided, excluding Parliament House suites, detailing:
  - (a) the size of any ministerial or office holder office;
  - (b) the date at which the current lease expires (not applicable to CPO suites);
  - (c) the value of the lease (not applicable for CPO suites); and
  - (d) whether the building is heritage listed or not.

*Notice given 24 March 2009*

\*1452† **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1170 (Senate *Hansard*, 16 March 2009, p. 111): Has the presence of cane toads in East Timor been ruled out; if not, why not.

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*1453-\*1454)—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the practice of superannuation funds charging increased fees to retrenched workers compared to when they were employed; if so: (a) which funds are involved in this practice; and (b) are any of these funds industry superannuation funds.
- (2) Have any of the funds carrying out this practice been nominated as 'default' funds by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, as allowed under the Australian Labor Party's workplace relations legislation; if so, which funds have been nominated.
- (3) Does the Minister support the appointment of an industry superannuation fund carrying on this practice as a default fund.
- (4) If it is shown that a default fund has charged these fees, will the Government act to remove the default fund provision from all 'modernised' awards to ensure that individuals and working families do not have such a fund chosen for them by default.

\*1453† Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

\*1454† Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

\*1455† **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) For the 2008-09 financial year, how much funding has been budgeted for the following education programs: (a) the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme; and (b) the Commonwealth Literacy and Numeracy Program.
- (2) For the 2008-09 financial year, how much money has been disbursed for the following programs: (a) the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme; and (b) the Commonwealth Literacy and Numeracy Program.

\*1456† **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) For the 2008-09 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), what was the total number of Community Aged Care Package (CACP) applications: (a) submitted; and (b) submitted for each aged care planning region.
- (2) For the 2007-08 ACAR, what was the total number of CACP applications: (a) submitted; and (b) submitted in each aged care planning region.
- (3) For the 2007-08 ACAR, what was the total number of successful CACP applications in each aged care planning region.
- (4) For the 2007-08 financial year, what was the percentage of unsuccessful CACP applications in each aged care planning region.
- (5) Since November 2007, what was the total number of bed licences: (a) returned to the department; and (b) returned to the department in each aged care planning region.
- (6) Has there been any correspondence from aged care providers giving reasons as to why bed licenses were returned; if so, can copies of that correspondence be provided.

*Notice given 25 March 2009*

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*1457-\*1459)—

- (1) Has the Minister considered increasing the \$10 million threshold for Cabinet consideration for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listings.
- (2) What threshold levels have been considered.

- (3) Does the Minister consider the current threshold is causing unnecessary delays to the listing of pharmaceuticals on the PBS, particularly when those pharmaceuticals have already been assessed for cost effectiveness and meet the legislative requirements for listing on the PBS.

\*1457† Minister representing the Treasurer

\*1458† Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

\*1459 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

\*1460 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the positive recommendation, received in July 2008, from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listing of Bevacizumab (Avastin) and Sunitinib malate (Sutent):

- (1) What caused the delay in listing these products on the PBS.
- (2) How does this delay promote the National Medicines Policy objective of access to medicines and the objective of the PBS to provide 'reliable, timely and affordable access' to pharmaceuticals.
- (3) What steps have been taken by the Minister to advance the listing of Avastin and Sutent.

*Notice given 27 March 2009*

\*1461 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) With reference to products listed in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits during the 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2008-09 financial years, for each product, what was the time taken:
  - (a) between the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's positive recommendation and ministerial approval;
  - (b) between the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority's recommendation and ministerial approval;
  - (c) for those products that require Cabinet approval, between ministerial approval and the pharmaceutical being listed for consideration by Cabinet;
  - (d) for a pharmaceutical being listed for consideration by Cabinet and being approved by Cabinet; and
  - (e) between Cabinet approval and final listing on the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.
- (2) For each part in (1) above, what was the average time taken for all products listed in each of the following financial years: (a) 2003-04; (b) 2004-05; (c) 2005-06; (d) 2006-07; and (e) 2008-09.

\*1462 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing on 30 March 2009*)—With reference to the referral of the Queensland aged care providers Blue Care, TriCare Limited, RSL Care and Baptistcare to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), for publicly stating that they would not apply for stand-alone, non-extra-service high care beds in the 2009 Aged Care Approvals Round:

- (1) When did the department provide advice to the Minister regarding the referral of this matter to the ACCC.



- (2) What was the content of that advice.
- (3) Who provided the advice.
- (4) Was legal opinion sought on the advice.
- (5) On what basis did the Minister or the department consider that competition law had been breached.
- (6) How many other aged care facilities have been referred to the ACCC since its inception.

*Notice given 31 March 2009*

\*1463 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to the 2008-09 Budget measure entitled 'Crude oil excise - condensate', that imposed, for the first time, excise on condensate from the North West Shelf Gas Project, how much revenue has been collected by the Commonwealth under the measure from: (a) 13 May 2008 to 30 June 2008; and (b) 1 July 2008 to 30 March 2009.
- (2) How much revenue has been collected by the Commonwealth from additional onshore areas included as a result of the measure from: (a) 13 May 2008 to 30 June 2008; and (b) 1 July 2008 to 30 March 2009.

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*1464-\*1465)—  
With reference to the Australian Labor Party's election commitment to promote 'investment in exploration by allowing the selective use of flow through share schemes for smaller operators in the gas, oil and mineral exploration industries':

- (1) What steps have been taken to introduce a flow-through share scheme.
- (2) When was the department instructed to develop a flow-through share scheme.
- (3) When will the necessary legislation be introduced into the Parliament.
- (4) Will a flow-through share scheme, as promised before the 2007 election, be implemented by the end of 2009; if not: (a) why not; and (b) when is a flow-through share scheme expected to become available.

\*1464† Minister representing the Treasurer

\*1465† Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*1466-\*1468)—

- (1) What changes have been made to the pre-budget processes of the Government since 24 November 2007.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that, in addition to the Expenditure Review Committee process, there is a further process for some items, described as 'mini-Cabinet' meetings or some such process.
- (3) What type of pre-budget or other items are considered at the 'mini-Cabinet' meetings.
- (4) Who has been present, including ministers and public officials, at each of the 'mini-Cabinet' meeting held so far.
- (5) Who provides official support for the 'mini-Cabinet' meetings.
- (6) Are there agenda papers for the 'mini-Cabinet' meetings; if not, why not.
- (7) Are official records of the meetings kept; if not, why not.

\*1466† Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 16 April 2009*)

\*1467† Minister representing the Treasurer

\*1468† Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 16 April 2009*)

\*1469† **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Do the comments by Midnight Oil drummer Mr Rob Hirst, reported on Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio on 27 March 2009, that the Minister ‘will do all he can to ensure a gas processing plant is not built in Western Australia’s Kimberley region’, accurately reflect the Minister’s intentions.
- (2) Has the Minister at any time made any private statement to Mr Hirst or others that he will do all he can to prevent a gas processing plant being built in the Kimberley Region; if so, what was the nature of those comments.
- (3) If the Minister has not at any time made any private statement to Mr Hirst or others, what steps has the Minister taken to correct Mr Hirst’s perception that the Minister will do all he can to ensure a gas processing plant is not built in Western Australia.
- (4) Does the Minister’s reported intention to do all he can to prevent a gas processing plant being built in the Kimberley region represent official government policy.
- (5) What current federal issues are being considered under relevant legislation in relation to the development of a gas processing plant in the Kimberley region.
- (6) When is that process expected to conclude and a final decision made.
- (7) Given the inevitable perception of a conflict of interest by the Minister on the basis of personal bias against the development of a gas processing plant in the Kimberley Region, has the Minister considered recusing himself from any decision under Commonwealth legislation on any such project; if not, has the Minister or the department sought legal advice to quantify any exposure of the Commonwealth to litigation as a result of a decision made by the Minister in these circumstances.

\*1470† **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the comments by Midnight Oil drummer Mr Rob Hirst, reported on Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio on 27 March 2009, that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts ‘will do all he can to ensure a gas processing plant is not built in Western Australia’s Kimberley region’:

- (1) Has the Prime Minister or his office sought assurances directly from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts that:
  - (a) the reported comments are not an accurate reflection of his intentions in his official capacity as a Minister of the Crown; and
  - (b) he has not at any time made private statements to Mr Hirst or others that he will do all he can to prevent a gas processing plant to be built in the Kimberley Region.
- (2) If the Prime Minister or his office has sought the assurances in (1) above:
  - (a) was the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts able to provide such assurances; and
  - (b) has the Prime Minister or his office sought assurance from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts that he has corrected Mr Hirst’s perception that he will do all he can to ensure a gas processing plant is not built in Western Australia.

- (3) If the Prime Minister did not seek the assurances in (1) and (2)(b) above, why not.
- (4) Do the reported intentions of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts to do all he can to prevent a gas processing plant to be built in the Kimberley region represent official government policy.
- (5) Has the Government made any strategic decision about its intentions in relation to the development of a gas processing plant in the Kimberley region.
- (6) Does the Prime Minister agree that the question of development of a gas processing plant in the Kimberley region of Western Australia is primarily a matter for the State of Western Australia to consider and decide on.
- (7) Given the inevitable perception of a conflict of interest by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on the basis of personal bias against the development of a gas processing plant in the Kimberley region, has the Prime Minister considered asking the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts to recuse himself from any decision under Commonwealth legislation on any such project; if not, has the Prime Minister or the department sought advice to ensure that the Commonwealth will not be exposed to litigation as a result of a decision made by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts in these circumstances.

*Notice given 1 April 2009*

\*1471 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the website [www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au):

- (1) What was the cost of developing the website.
- (2) Who developed the website.
- (3) If the website was developed externally, by what method was the contractor selected.
- (4) Who maintains the website.
- (5) In detail, what resources does: (a) the office of the Prime Minister; and (b) the department, provide for ongoing maintenance/updates of the website.
- (6) (a) When did the department first receive instructions to establish this new website; and (b) from whom did these instructions come.
- (7) From where in the budget is the cost of the website drawn.
- (8) Why was a new website created instead of putting the information on existing websites, for example, [www.australia.gov.au](http://www.australia.gov.au), [www.pmc.gov.au](http://www.pmc.gov.au), or [www.treasury.gov.au](http://www.treasury.gov.au).
- (9) Will the presence of this new website be advertised; if so, in detail: (a) how; and (b) what is the budget.
- (10) Was the establishment and content of this website approved by the Auditor-General; if not, why not.

\*1472† **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the website [www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au): In detail, what resources does: (a) the office of the Treasurer; and (b) the department, provide for ongoing maintenance/updates of the website.

*Notice given 2 April 2009*

\*1473 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What progress has been made by the Government since the 2007 election to implement the recommendations of the *National review of school music education: Augmenting the diminished* (Seares report) into school music education.
- (2) Taking into consideration the previous Government's 'Investing in Our Schools Program' grants which specifically provided for musical facilities and musical instruments of a capital nature, and with reference to the \$14.7 billion over 3 years which was recently announced by the Government for capital works at schools, are:
  - (a) music practice rooms allowable capital items; if not, why not;
  - (b) music laboratories allowable capital items; if not, why not;
  - (c) musical instrument programs of a capital nature allowable capital items; if not, why not;
  - (d) specialised music classrooms allowable capital items; if not, why not;
  - (e) music-technology upgrades to existing computer facilities allowable capital items; if not, why not; and
  - (f) audio visual upgrades to existing school performing arts centres allowable capital items; if not, why not.
- (3) With reference to the core recommendations of the National Music Workshop held on 27 August and 28 August 2006, what progress has been made to date regarding the implementation of:
  - (a) creating a national music education resource; and
  - (b) the measurement and reporting on music programs and delivery by the states and territories to either the state and/or the Federal Government.
- (4) Taking into consideration the joint press release of 21 November 2005 by the then Australian Labor Party (ALP) Shadow Minister for Education, Training, Science and Research, Ms Jenny Macklin, and the then Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Reconciliation and the Arts, Mr Peter Garrett, which supported the Seares report and contained the following statements, 'The Seares Report shows that the Howard Government must train more music teachers to improve children's access to quality music education' and 'The report on the National Review of Music Education shows that we need to improve the equity of access and participation in school music for all students. All young people should have access to an excellent music education, not just those who are gifted or are able to afford it': What programs, policies, funding or initiatives have been put in place by the Government:
  - (a) to ensure equity of access and participation in school music for all students; and
  - (b) to train more music teachers.
- (5) Does the Government support the inclusion of school music in the national curriculum; if not, why not.

- (6) Given that the ALP's 2007 election policy promised that 'Labor will also review the issue of the provision of music education through the entire education system, working with State and Territory authorities, teacher employers and with universities to create a comprehensive music education in our schools and educational institutions': What programs, policies, funding or initiatives have been put in place by the Government to deliver on its election promise.
- (7) Given that the ALP's 2007 election policy cited research by the Music Council of Australia that only 23 per cent of Australian state school students have access to a school music program:
  - (a) is it still the case that 77 per cent of Australian state school students have no access to a school music program;
  - (b) what programs, policies, funding or initiatives have been put in place by the Government to increase access to school music; and
  - (c) what future programs, policies, funding or initiatives will be put in place by the Government to increase access to school music.
- (8) How many times has the Minister met with the Music Education Advisory Group (MEAG).
- (9) Will MEAG be refunded for the 2009-10 financial year.
- (10) With reference to the highly successful 'Music. Count Us In' program and for the years 2008 and 2009: (a) how many students; and (b) how many schools, participated in the program.
- (11) Will the 'Music. Count Us In' program be refunded for 2009; if not, why not.
- (12) Given that the overwhelming evidence of the benefits of school music for the promotion of numeracy and literacy, what programs, policies, funding or initiatives have been put in place by the Government to promote school music programs for students struggling with literacy or numeracy.
- (13) What programs, policies, funding or initiatives put in place by the previous Government to promote school music have been cancelled, delayed or had funding removed by the current Government.

\*1474 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) With respect to the reviews of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) of Australia's national inventory report (NIR) and the following recommendations of the 2006 review, reiterated in 2008, for 'forest land remaining forest land':
 

'The ERT [expert review team] therefore requests the Party to complete its report including carbon stock changes and non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions occurring in each Australian forest area that is subject to periodic or ongoing human interventions', noting that 'human interventions' includes all human activities such as fire suppression, forest conservation, recreation, harvesting, etc [Paragraph 61 (2006 review)]; and

'The ERT recommends Australia to report both gains and losses in the living biomass in order to improve the consistency and transparency of the inventory' [Paragraph 63 (2006 review)]:

  - (a) what action has been taken to implement the recommendation; and
  - (b) when will revised data be published.

- (2) When will empirical data be available to estimate CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by 'forest land remaining forest land' and incorporated into the NIR in place of the constant 57.3 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> per annum currently assumed.
- (3) Given that this accounting approach is to be adopted for the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, when will carbon stock changes (emissions and uptake separately) be reported in the NIR for: (a) 'grassland remaining grassland'; and (b) 'cropland remaining cropland'.
- (4) (a) To what extent are emissions from the degradation of riverine red gum forests and similar wetland forest ecosystems currently reported in the 'forests remaining forests' NIR category; and (b) when will data for wetlands be included in the NIR.
- (5) Can a copy be provided of the revised 2007 submission to the UNFCCC (submitted 21 October 2008) referred to in the 2008 review report.

\*1475 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that of stream flow reduction risks, climate change poses the greatest risk, followed by afforestation and groundwater pumping.
- (2) In regard to the inclusion of the Mersey-Forth as a 'priority catchment' in the 2009 Tasmania Sustainable Yields (TasSY) Project (Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation, 2008):
  - (a) have provisions been made by qualified specialists for the appropriate assessment of the karst component of that catchment (Mole Creek karst) during the TasSY study; and
  - (b) do these provisions acknowledge the need to quantify and account for the broadacre afforestation and unregulated groundwater extraction in the karst catchment.
- (3) (a) What provisions, if any, have been made for karst assessment as a component of a water catchment area; and (b) if provisions have been made, what prescriptions will be applied in karst water yield assessments.

\*1476† **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—Is it a fact that if electricity voltages were reduced from the 240 to 250 (phased to neutral) volts range to 225 to 230 volts range there would be a reduction in Australia's greenhouse gas emissions of 15 million tonnes annually.

\*1477 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—Taking into consideration the Tasmanian Government's removal of third appeal rights and processes under the state's *Water Management Act 1999* via the provisions or lack thereof in the state's *Dam Works Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2007*, how does the Commonwealth Government expect to ensure:

- (a) water, dam and/or irrigation projects in Tasmania are both commercially viable and environmentally sustainable; and
- (b) community consultation on projects and due diligence obligations as outlined in the National Water Initiative will be met by the Tasmanian Government which has in effect established a system that enables community consultation on dam permits, but does not provide for any formal process of appeal.

- \*1478 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 22 April 2009*)—Taking into consideration the Tasmanian Government's Forest Practices Regulations 2007, which contains the following provisions that exempt the Forest Practices Authority as the independent regulator from assessing and approving the removal of Regional Forest Agreement threatened forest community types, '4. Circumstances in which forest practices plan, &c., not required ... (i) dam works authorised by a dam permit granted under the Water Management Act 1999': Is the Commonwealth Government satisfied with the Tasmanian Government's dam assessment process; if so, why; if not, why not and what specific actions are required from the Tasmanian Government to satisfy the Commonwealth Government.

*Notice given 6 April 2009*

- \*1479 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—
- (1) Given that the Rudd Government has previously stated that existing funding for the National Nanotechnology Strategy (NNS) and the Australian Office of Nanotechnology (AON) will terminate on 30 June 2009, what funding: (a) has been allocated for the NNS for the 2009-10 financial year; and (b) is allocated specifically for the AON.
  - (2) Given that the Minister stated in late February 2009 that the Federal Government currently spends around \$140 million on support for the nanotechnology sector, can a breakdown be provided of the allocation of these funds, including what amount is dedicated to industry support, promotion and commercialisation.
  - (3) (a) When will the Federal Government make a formal response to the recommendations made by the 2008 New South Wales parliamentary inquiry into nanotechnology; and (b) what is the Minister's response to the recommendations that nanoparticles should be treated as new chemicals, and their use in sunscreens, cosmetics, foods and workplaces should face mandatory labelling.
  - (4) Is the Minister aware that in a peer-reviewed journal article published in *Progress in Organic Coatings*, researchers at BlueScope Steel Limited reported that when they come into contact with roofs, nanoparticles now used in some sunscreens cause the breakdown of roof coatings that is one hundred times more rapid than that normally observed.
  - (5) Is the Minister aware that the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation investigation of the potential of nanoparticles in sunscreens to penetrate intact skin will not be completed for at least another 1 to 2 years.
  - (6) Is the Minister aware of any peer-reviewed published studies that demonstrate skin uptake of non-sunscreen nanoparticles across compromised skin, sunburnt skin, skin that is flexed or to which surfactants (penetration enhancers) have been applied.

- (7) Is the Minister aware that: (a) in a peer-reviewed journal article published in *Nanoethics*, legal and medical academics at the Australian National University and Monash University questioned the failure of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to treat nanoparticles in sunscreens as new chemicals, and to require mandatory labelling of nanoparticle ingredients; and (b) these academics suggested that given the risks of nanoparticles in sunscreens, a precautionary approach to their regulation may be warranted.
- (8) Is the Minister aware that the TGA has refused: to treat nanoparticles as new chemicals (which would trigger safety testing of nanoparticle ingredients before they could be used in sunscreens), to label nanoparticle ingredients, and to disclose publicly which sunscreens contain nanoparticle ingredients.
- (9) What regulatory action will the Minister take to ensure that sunscreens containing manufactured nanoparticle ingredients are withdrawn from sale until these ingredients face appropriate safety assessment and mandatory labelling.
- (10) Is the Minister aware that during 2008, two separate studies were published showing that carbon nanotubes cause asbestos-like pathogenicity and the onset of mesothelioma, the deadly cancer previously thought to be associated only with asbestos exposure.
- (11) Is the Minister aware that although carbon nanotubes are used internationally in electronics, specialty plastics, sports equipment and some car and aeroplane parts, the extent of carbon nanotube use in Australian industry is unknown, with workers in relevant industries unaware of whether or not they are currently facing nanotube exposure.
- (12) Does the Minister support the principle of workers' 'right to know' whether or not they are facing carbon nanotube exposure, therefore requiring mandatory notification by manufacturers, research laboratories and employers.
- (13) Given the early evidence that carbon nanotubes pose serious asbestos-like risks, will the Minister support a temporary ban on their commercial use until new safety standards, workplace exposure control measures and workplace notification can be implemented to guarantee we do not repeat the asbestos tragedy.

\*1480 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that 350 people die in Australia each year from bowel cancer, why has Cabinet continued to delay a decision to enable affordable access to the drug Bevacizumab (Avastin) under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
- (2) With reference to the Minister's statement of 13 May 2008, 'Like Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) is an essential component of Australia's health system. The Government will ensure all Australians have reliable, timely and affordable access to their essential medicines through the PBS', and taking into consideration that Avastin is proven to be cost effective, when will Cabinet make a decision regarding the inclusion of Avastin in the PBS.
- (3) Why has the Government failed to reply to or action the correspondence sent by Cancer Voices Australia to the Prime Minister, dated 24 December 2008, regarding the need to make Avastin affordable under the PBS.



- (4) Will the Government immediately adopt the recommendation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee of June 2008, and instruct Cabinet to sign-off on Avastin so it becomes affordable under the PBS; if not, why not.

*Notice given 7 April 2009*

\*1481 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the answer to DEEWR question no. EW631\_09 taken on notice on 3 June 2008 during the 2008-09 Budget estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee:

- (1) Can a copy be provided of the signatory page of the document referred to as 'document labelled as an Australian Workplace Agreement'.
- (2) Does this page disclose the signature of the employee.
- (3) On what basis is it claimed in the answer provided that this document was not signed by the employee.
- (4) Whilst it is acknowledged that the claimant stated in an interview that she had not seen an Australian Workplace Agreement, was she ever presented by a Workplace Ombudsman employee with a copy of the 'document labelled as an Australian Workplace Agreement', which purportedly had the claimant's signature attached to it.
- (5) Was the claimant asked to verify or deny that it was her signature attached to that 'document labelled as an Australian Workplace Agreement'.
- (6) Given the date that appeared on the 'document labelled as an Australian Workplace Agreement' and the claimant's commencement of employment, was any further verification or information sought from the claimant in relation to the document and her previous sighting of it.
- (7) (a) On what dates did Ms Healy make back pay payments; and (b) were three of those payments made during 2007; if so, on what dates were those payments made.
- (8) On what date was Ms Healy officially charged.
- (9) On what basis was it reported in the *Hobart Mercury* that Mr Wilson had advised that Ms Healy 'had not voluntarily complied with the Ombudsman during the investigation'.
- (10) Is it acknowledged that payments for the underpaid staff were in fact made prior to Ms Healy being officially charged.
- (11) Is voluntary payment prior to being charged considered to be voluntary compliance; if so, why did Mr Wilson assert Ms Healy had not voluntarily complied during the investigation.

*Notice given 8 April 2009*

\*1482 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the uranium seized on 1 April 2009 during a police raid on a property in Harcourt, central Victoria:

- (1) Was the quantity of uranium found 300 grams as reported in the media.
- (2) (a) Where is this material currently stored; and (b) what are the long-term plans for its handling.

- (3) (a) What is the chemical form of the uranium; and (b) what is its isotopic composition.
- (4) Given that it is possible to determine where uranium is mined and last chemically processed: (a) can the Attorney-General confirm that this uranium came from an Australian uranium mine; and (b) if an assessment has not yet been conducted will the Federal Government commit to do so as a matter of urgency and publicly report the outcomes.
- (5) If the uranium is Australian, is it from an existing mine, Olympic Dam, Ranger or Beverley, an old mine, or was the material sourced from a research facility at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation or the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency.
- (6) Is this uranium related to a significant security breach of the Olympic Dam mine in 2007 wherein ten 300 gram jars of yellow cake uranium samples were found.
- (7) What security measures are in place at uranium mines in Australia to prevent the theft, unauthorised use or loss of material control of radioactive materials.
- (8) Will the Attorney-General be working with the Minister for Resources and Energy and the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research to review the security and procedures at nuclear facilities and uranium mines following this incident.
- (9) (a) Are there inadequate material control procedures; if so, what steps will the Federal Government undertake, or require uranium mine operators to implement, in an attempt to address this; and (b) does this incident reflect a disturbing deficiency in workplace culture in relation to the responsible handling of uranium; if so, what steps will the Federal Government undertake, or require uranium mine operators to implement, in an attempt to address this.
- (10) Is the Federal Government considering expanding the role and jurisdiction of the Office of the Supervising Scientist to cover uranium mining operations outside of the Alligator Rivers Region; if not, why not.
- (11) (a) How much information on quantities of uranium mined, processed, transported etcetera comes from the companies themselves; and (b) how much of that information is independently verified by the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office or other government agencies.
- (12) Given that media reports on this incident state that uranium is valuable on the black market, what is the size and value of the black market in nuclear materials in Australia.

\*1483 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In regard to the Talisman Sabre military exercises in Shoalwater Bay, Queensland:

- (1) What type and number of land vehicles, amphibious vehicles, aircraft and navy vessels will be involved in the 2009 exercises.
- (2) What types and quantities of fuel are expected to be needed for the 2009 exercises.
- (3) How much live fire will be used in the 2009 exercises.
- (4) Will any missile firing take place in the 2009 exercises.
- (5) How many troops from Australia and the United States of America (US) will be involved in the 2009 exercises.

- (6) What was the Government's response to the warning provided to it by the International Whaling Commission before the 2007 exercises that the use of underwater sonar in the exercises could seriously injure or kill whales.
- (7) Is the Government aware that in 2007 the US Navy claimed an exemption from the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (US) when conducting exercises with powerful sonar designed to hunt for super-quiet submarines.
- (8) Will the Government be allowing high-powered active sonar to be used in the 2009 exercises.
- (9) Given that the 2005 exercises are reported to have involved the sinking of two decommissioned US Navy ships off Australia's coast: (a) what types and what volume of chemicals will disperse as the vessels disintegrate; and (b) how will this be monitored.
- (10) What form of assessment occurred before permission was given for US warships to be sunk in Australian waters.
- (11) Will there be any further ship sinking exercises as part of the 2009 exercises.

\*1484† **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Why was the proposed Waratah Coal Inc. rail line and coal port for Shoalwater Bay rejected in September 2008.
- (2) What potential environmental damage was identified.
- (3) Does the Minister consider that the movement of tens of thousands of troops with heavy equipment across this environmentally-sensitive area, conducting live fire exercises, infantry manoeuvres, air combat, ship-to-ship operations and anti-submarine warfare with navy vessels using sonar, will not cause land and marine environmental damage of a similar order, albeit possibly of a different type.

\*1485† **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—Given that one of the major justifications for the OPAL [Open Pool Australian Lightwater] reactor at Lucas Heights was to provide radioisotopes for radiopharmaceuticals, mainly via technetium-99m generators to be sold domestically and overseas:

- (1) Has the new molybdenum-99 production facility for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) been commissioned.
- (2) What have been the financial costs to Australia for importing replacement technetium-99m generators for the domestic market due to OPAL-sourced generators being unavailable.
- (3) What has been the corresponding financial loss to ANSTO as a result of being unable to export such generators.

*Notice given 15 April 2009*

\*1486 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1226 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 March 2009, p. 163) and noting that the answer was provided the day immediately after the hearings of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee additional estimates of 24 February 2009:

- (1) When was the draft answer from the department provided to the Minister's office.
- (2) When did the Minister sign-off on the answer.
- (3) When was the answer delivered to the Senate Table Office.
- (4) In regard to part (2) of the answer provided and given that the information must be available, what time, to the nearest 15 minutes, was this call made.
- (5) In regard to the duration of the phone call, and given that telephone records would disclose this information, what was the duration of the phone call.
- (6) In regard to part (6) of the answer provided can the Minister advise as to whether he suggested any time parameters to departmental officials for when they contacted Gunns Limited.
- (7) In regard to part (7) of the answer provided, and given that the information must be available, what time, to the nearest 15 minutes, did the Minister or his office contact Gunns Limited to advise them of his decision.
- (8) In regard to part (8) of the answer provided and given that the answer does not provide the detail sought, in relation to each contact: (a) who was contacted; (b) what was the time (to the nearest 15 minutes) of the contact; (c) what was the duration of the discussion; and (d) what was the nature of the discussion.
- (9) In regard to part (9) of the answer provided and given that the answer does not provide the detail sought, in relation to each contact: (a) who was contacted; (b) what was the time (to the nearest 15 minutes) of the contact; (c) what was the duration of the discussion; and (d) what was the nature of the discussion.

*Notice given 16 April 2009*

\*1487 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) In regard to the case of *R v Jack Thomas*, can the Attorney-General provide total expenditure and costings for the investigation and prosecution of each bail application that was opposed, the first trial, the appeal, the applications for control orders, the second trial and all disbursements including counsel's fees, for each of the following agencies:
  - (a) the department;
  - (b) the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP);
  - (c) the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS);
  - (d) the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO); and
  - (e) the Australian Federal Police (AFP).
- (2) In regard to the case of *Minister for Immigration and Citizenship v Haneef*, can the Attorney-General provide the total expenditure and costings for all disbursements including counsel's fees and travel, for the following agencies:
  - (a) the department;
  - (b) the CDPP;
  - (c) the AGS;
  - (d) ASIO; and
  - (e) the AFP.

- (3) In regard to the case of *R v Vinayagamoorthy, Yathavan and Rajeevan (Operation Halophyte)* in which all charges regarding the Commonwealth criminal code were recently withdrawn, can the Attorney-General confirm, including costs expended in resisting subpoena issued by the defence for all organisations:
- (a) the total expenditure of the department;
  - (b) the total expenditure of the CDPP including each bail application, pre trial argument, voir dire and all preparatory work;
  - (c) the costs claimed by Mark Dean, SC, for the prosecution and for junior counsel briefed;
  - (d) the costs claimed for travel taken by Mark Dean, SC, in this case, and for travel taken by CDPP solicitors in that case;
  - (e) the costs of all disbursements incurred by CDPP;
  - (f) the total expenditure by the AFP on the *Operation Halophyte* investigation from its commencement in January 2006 until present, including costs of all travel for the AFP and Sri Lankan Police travelling to Australia;
  - (g) the AFP expenditure on monitoring Tamils in Australia each year from 2002;
  - (h) the total expenditure of the AGS; and
  - (i) the total expenditure by ASIO.
- (4) In regard to Mr David Hicks, can the Attorney-General confirm:
- (a) the total expenditure by ASIO; and
  - (b) the total expenditure by the AFP.
- (5) In regard to Mr Mamdouh Habib, can the Attorney-General confirm:
- (a) the total expenditure by ASIO; and
  - (b) the total expenditure by the AFP.

\*1488 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) In regard to the case of *R v Vinayagamoorthy, Yathavan and Rajeevan* in which all charges regarding the Commonwealth criminal code were recently withdrawn, what was the total expenditure by the department, including the time and expenses of staff in Sri Lanka.
- (2) In regard to the case of *R v Jack Thomas*, what was the total expenditure by the department, including the time and expenses of staff overseas.
- (3) In regard to Dr Mohamed Haneef, what was the total expenditure by the department, including the time and expenses of staff overseas.
- (4) In regard to Mr David Hicks, what was the total expenditure by the department, including the time and expenses of staff overseas.
- (5) In regard to Mr Mamdouh Habib, what was the total expenditure by the department, including the time and expenses of staff overseas.

*Notice given 20 April 2009*

\*1489 **Senator Bishop:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 22 April 2009*)—

- (1) (a) How many hectares within the area covered by the Avon Catchment Council (ACC) in Western Australia are estimated to be salt affected; and (b) what proportion is that of Australia's total estimated dry land salinity.
- (2) What Commonwealth funds did the ACC receive for each of the following financial years: (a) 2005-06; (b) 2006-07; (c) 2007-08; and (d) 2008-09.
- (3) For each of the following financial years: 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (estimate), how much did the ACC spend on: (a) salt land pastures; and (b) native plant industries (broombush and swamp sheoak).

*Notice given 22 April 2009*

\*1490 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the report of the Economics Committee, *Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme*:

- (1) Under the current carbon pollution reduction proposal, on whom will be the obligation to report (project owners, service providers or both).
- (2) (a) Is the department satisfied that under the tight timetable between the proposed passage of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) legislation, Royal Assent, application for a liability transfer certificate and authority and the 90 day approval before the 31 October 2009 reporting date, there will not be unforeseen consequences such as misreporting and bringing the scheme into disrepute; (b) given that the LTC mechanism will not take effect until the CPRS starts on 1 July 2010, is there a potential that service providers/contractors, especially in the mining sector, will incur the costs of setting up systems, reviewing contracts and collecting data to meet their capital National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System obligations for 2 years until those obligations and responsibilities can be transferred; and (c) what is there to be gained by such an approach given the significant burden that will be placed on business.
- (3) Would it be not more appropriate for the mine owner to report on fugitive emissions and be held liable under the CPRS rather than contractors who might actually be operating the mine.
- (4) Does the Minister acknowledge that the mine owner has the control and ownership responsibility over the resource before, during and after the contractors have been on site.
- (5) Does the Minister acknowledge the difficulty that at present the facility operator needs to collect information from mine site contractors and subcontractors with whom no commercial relationship exists.
- (6) Does the Minister acknowledge that the CPRS will impact on many more businesses than the Government's estimated top 1 000 carbon emitters.
- (7) (a) How many small and medium businesses who subcontract to businesses that have carbon pollution reduction liabilities will have increased costs due to compliance and data collection requirements; and (b) how many businesses are deemed to fall within that category.

- (8) What difficulties would be associated with amending the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* and the CPRS legislation to explicitly recognise mine owners as the facility operators on mine sites.
- (9) What difficulties would arise should the CPRS legislation differentiate between mine owners liabilities for emissions directly associated with the resource and operator liabilities for emissions produced during extraction and haulage of the resource.
- (10) Is it possible to streamline the legislative regime to ensure the emission liability threshold for facilities of 25kt CO<sub>2</sub>-e to exclude fuel generated emissions to avoid unnecessary trading and administration burden for marginal emitters.

*Notice given 30 April 2009*

\*1491 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) How many and which: (a) Acts; and (b) legislative instruments, including select legislative instruments, statutory rules and regulations, are administered within the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) Have any reviews or stocktakes been done on any of the Acts and legislative instruments mentioned in (1) above; if so: (a) can details be provided of each review and/or stocktake; and (b) did any of these reviews or stocktakes identify whether they are redundant or superseded by other Acts or legislative instruments; if so, which ones have been identified as redundant or superseded.

\*1492 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many new Government websites (i.e. additional '.gov.au' domain names) have been created since 27 August 2008.
- (2) What are these websites.
- (3) Who designed these websites.
- (4) Who updates and maintains the content on each website.
- (5) How many staff in each department are employed to maintain these websites.
- (6) What was the total cost for the design of each website.

*Notice given 5 May 2009*

\*1493 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) What steps is the Minister taking to end the practice of Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) television (TV) interrupting programs for advertisements in line with statements made by the then Opposition spokesperson for Communications and Information Technology that 'Labor has opposed and continues to oppose the decision by SBS to introduce in-program advertising'.
- (2) Has SBS had any discussions with the Minister or his office regarding the dropping of advertisements that interrupt programs; if so: (a) when were the meetings; (b) was any agreement or understanding reached; and (c) what does SBS expect as a result.

- (3) Given that in February 2008 the Minister supplied estimates from SBS that between \$29.3 million and \$39.7 million would be required to maintain operations for 2008 if the network were to stop interruption of programs for advertisements, can the Minister verify these estimates as accurate now that accounting for 2008 is available.
- (4) Can a list be provided of all programs that SBS TV interrupted for advertisements in 2008 where the program being interrupted was not produced for interruption for commercial breaks, such as British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) programs and cinema release movies.
- (5) What advertising rates were/are charged by SBS for packages of advertising air time on SBS TV depending on time of day, type of program interrupted and other relevant factors for the following years: (a) 2008; and (b) 2009.
- (6) In 2008 did SBS offer a lower rate for advertisements that were run in the break between programs as opposed to those run within programs.
- (7) In implementing the September 2006 *Guidelines for the Placement of Breaks in SBS Television Programs* and the *SBS Codes of Practice 2006* and given that section 45 of the *Special Broadcasting Services Act 1991* specifies that only 'natural' breaks are allowed, how does SBS distinguish between the 'natural' breaks in programs and those that must be forced into programs that were not produced to cater for advertising breaks.
- (8) What percentage of the total advertisements run on SBS TV in 2008, not including station or program promotions, were commercials without a charge to the advertiser.
- (9) Has SBS revenue from advertising decreased or is it expected to, as a result of the current economic down turn; if so, by how much.
- (10) Does SBS receive approximately 80 per cent of income from the sale of air time due to an advertising agency taking a commission of approximately 20 per cent.
- (11) Is it true that SBS raised approximately \$10 million from interrupting programs for advertisements in 2007 and that the motoring program *Top Gear* cost SBS approximately \$11 million; if not, what are the correct figures.
- (12) What functions of SBS are currently outsourced.
- (13) Does SBS have plans to fully automate or outsource its presentation department that is responsible for the timing and switching of programs and commercials to air; if so: (a) what are these plans and timelines involved; and (b) will there be any loss of jobs or redundancies from SBS as a result.
- (14) Who or what will determine where commercial breaks are to be positioned, that is, will it be a computer, the program producer or someone else.
- (15) (a) When are the monies borrowed by SBS from the Government due to be repaid; and (b) what commercial terms and rates of interest is SBS required to adhere to.
- (16) (a) What proportion of programming on SBS TV was in a language other than English during the period defined as prime time by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (6 pm to 10.30 pm) in April 2009; and (b) how do the proportion of these languages compare to the proportion of languages actually spoken in Australian homes.



- (17) Is the Government satisfied that SBS TV is fulfilling its obligation to 'inform, educate and entertain Australians in their preferred languages' properly, as required by the SBS charter under the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991*.

\*1494 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What outreach on careers in the military does the department conduct in Australian high schools.
- (2) Can 17-year-olds be recruited into the military; if so, what safeguards, if any, does the Government maintain to ensure: (a) that the recruitment of children under the age of 18 years is genuinely voluntary; (b) that such recruitment is carried out with the informed consent of the person's parents or legal guardians; and (c) that such persons are fully informed of the duties involved in such military service.
- (3) For each of the years from 2002 to 2008, how many children under the age of 18 years were recruited into Australia's armed forces.
- (4) Since 21 October 2002, the date on which Australia signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, how many members of Australia's armed forces under the age of 18 years have taken part in military operations.
- (5) Since 26 September 2006, when Australia ratified the Optional Protocol, how many members of Australia's armed forces under the age of 18 years have taken part in military operations.
- (6) Does the Australian Government intend raising the minimum age of recruitment into its armed forces to 18 years in line with the emerging international trend, as documented in the report, *Child soldiers: Global report 2008*.

\*1495 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) With reference to the hearings of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee additional estimates of 23 February 2009, in which an officer of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) stated 'As you may recall, Senator, every six months those overview profiles of the number of investigations that we have done and the breakdown—whether it was RC [Refused Classification], child pornography, X and so on—are tabled in parliament. If we look at one of those six-month reports, there is a lot of information on what we do regarding our investigations there' (Committee *Hansard*, 23 February 2009, ECA 108): was the officer referring to the *Co-regulatory Scheme for Internet Content Regulation* reports; if so, have those reports been prepared and tabled since the report for the period July to December 2005; if so, where can copies of these reports, for the 3 years since 2005, be obtained.
- (2) If the answer to (1) above is no:
  - (a) what are the six-monthly reports to which the officer referred to; and
  - (b) where can copies of these reports be obtained.
- (3) Does the ACMA charge a fee to filter suppliers for the ACMA's blacklist and/or updates to the blacklist; if so:
  - (a) is the fee \$15 000 (as reported by a filter supplier on 26 March 2009 at <http://www.crikey.com.au>); if not, how much is the fee;

- (b) for what period of time does the fee cover (for example, annually, half-yearly, monthly, etc); and
  - (c) when did the ACMA commence charging a fee.
- (4) Does the ACMA charge a fee, or does it intend to do so in future, for the supply of its blacklist to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who provide server-level filtering; if so, how much.
- (5) What procedures or systems does the ACMA have in place to ensure that filter suppliers promptly add and delete Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) on notification of updates by the ACMA, for example, does the ACMA undertake audits of filter suppliers' copies of the ACMA's blacklist; if so, how often.
- (6) In regard to media reports in March 2009 that the ACMA stated that a page containing photographs by Mr Bill Henson had been incorrectly added to the ACMA's blacklist as a result of a 'caching error': (a) what is a 'caching error'; and (b) can the ACMA prevent a 'caching error' happening in future; if so, how.
- (7) When the ACMA adds to its blacklist the URL of a hacked page on an overseas-hosted web site, that is operated/maintained by an Australian resident or Australian-based business, does the ACMA notify the Australian resident/business of the existence of the prohibited content so that it may promptly delete such content and have its page promptly removed from the blacklist; if not, why not.
- (8) How does the ACMA determine whether web page content has 'an Australian connection', for example, does the ACMA base this determination on the geographical location of the business/person to whom the IP [Internet Provider] address of the web site's domain has been allocated, the geographical location of the business/person identified as the registrant the administrative or the technical contact of the domain in the 'whois' information.
- (9) In regard to the ACMA's blacklist:
  - (a) how many URLs on the blacklist are main domain addresses, for example, <http://www.example.com> (not the address of a sub-page on a web site);
  - (b) when the ACMA notifies filter suppliers of a domain address, are filter suppliers required to block only that particular page (that is, the site's 'home' page), or all pages on the domain; and
  - (c) if filter suppliers are required to block all pages on a domain, by what means does the ACMA determine that there is a substantial likelihood that all pages on the domain are, if classified, potential/prohibited content.
- (10) In regard to the ACMA online content statistics for the month of December 2008, ACMA'sphere No. 38, states that 237 overseas-hosted items were actioned and 22 items were 'R18+ Language', while the ACMA's Internet statistics web page states that 253 overseas-hosted items were actioned, no items were 'R18+ Language' and 22 items were 'X 18+ Actual sexual activity' and given that there are also other discrepancies between the two sets of reported statistics:
  - (a) which statistics are accurate; and
  - (b) what caused the discrepancies.

- (11) For each of the following periods: 20 January to 31 June 2008 and 1 July 2008 to date:
- (a) how many items of Internet content did the ACMA submit to the Classification Board for the purpose of complying with clause 116 of Schedule 7 (samples of content to be submitted for classification) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*; and
  - (b) how many of these items were content that did not have an 'Australian connection'.
- (12) In regard to ACMA Internet content assessors:
- (a) why are the names, dates of appointment and short biographies of the assessors not made publicly available (as has long been the case in relation to members of the Classification Board and Classification Review Board);
  - (b) are content assessors, like members of the classification boards, appointed by the Governor-General; if not, who appoints them;
  - (c) in selecting and appointing content assessors, are there requirement that they have the capacity to assess, identify and represent community standards;
  - (d) are content assessors initially appointed for a fixed term of service; if so, what is that period of time;
  - (e) is there a statutory or other limit on the maximum term of service for a content assessor; and if so, what is that period of time;
  - (f) for each content assessor, what was the date of their initial appointment;
  - (g) how many content assessors are:
    - (i) former full-time or part-time members of the Classification Board,
    - (ii) former temporary/casual members of the Classification Board,
    - (iii) current temporary/casual members of the Classification Board,
    - (iv) former members of the Classification Review Board, and
    - (v) former employees, in any role, of the former Office of Film and Literature Classification; and
  - (h) for each content assessor referred to in (12)(g) above, what is each of their total period of service in the abovementioned former roles.
- (13) Do ACMA content assessors undergo regular training by the Classification Board to help ensure consistency of decisions; if so, how often does such training take place.
- (14) How many content assessors view and assess an item of Internet content prior to an ACMA determination that it is 'potential prohibited content' because there is a substantial likelihood that it would be classified by the Classification Board as:
- (a) RC, 'RC-Child Depiction';
  - (b) RC, for any other reason;
  - (c) X18+;
  - (d) R18+; and
  - (e) MA15+.

- (15) In regard to the page on an anti-abortion web site that was determined by the ACMA to be 'RC-Violence' in January 2009 and the criteria for RC in the national classification code:
- (a) was the content determined to be prohibited/potential prohibited content under clause 1(a) of the criteria for RC (depictions of violence that offend against the standards of reasonable adults) or under clause 1(c) (promote, incite or instruct in matters of crime or violence); and
  - (b) how many content assessors participated in making a decision that there was a substantial likelihood that the content would be RC if classified.
- (16) In regard to the ACMA's 'Restricted Access System Declaration 2007', the explanatory statement to the declaration and the ACMA's web page titled 'new restricted access arrangements' state that the requirements in the declaration apply only to content that has an 'Australian connection' (is hosted in Australia or provided from Australia):
- (a) what procedures/systems are available to providers of overseas-hosted content to enable them to ensure that content they provide that is, or would be classified R18+ or (commercial) MA15+, is not added to the ACMA's blacklist; and
  - (b) if these procedures/systems comply with the 'Restricted Access System Declaration 2007', how can the ACMA, and Australian Internet users, know that an overseas content provider is complying with the Australian National Privacy Principles under the *Privacy Act 1988*, as required by the Restricted Access System Declaration 2007, in relation to use/disclosure etc of proof of age documentation/information they acquire and are required to keep for 2 years.

\*1496 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) With reference to the hearings of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee additional estimates of 23 February 2009, in which an officer of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), stated that in 'the last financial year' the ACMA had actioned 774 prohibited content items and that 410 of those were child sexual abuse items (Committee *Hansard*, 23 February 2009, ECA 95) and given that in March 2009 a list of Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) purporting to be the ACMA blacklist was published and was deemed by the ACMA to be sufficiently sensitive that the leaked blacklist was, itself, added to the blacklist, can the Minister identify by name which of the URLs on the list of URLs purporting to be the 18 March 2009 list are designated by the ACMA as not being 'child sexual abuse items'.
- (2) Are URLs which are not 'child sexual abuse items' legal for Australian adults to read and view.
- (3) (a) Is the list itself a 'child sexual abuse item'; and (b) is it legal for Australian adults to read and view it.
- (4) When did the Government's policy change from using the ACMA prohibited content list, as documented in its pre-election platform materials, to using a new list of Refused Classification (RC) material, as documented in the latest version of the Minister's form letters.

- (5) Does the Government intend the ACMA to use its own judgement to determine that Internet content has been refused classification as per existing practice for offshore content or does the Government intend to use the services of the Classification Board, as stated by the Minister on the Special Broadcasting Service program *Insight*, on Tuesday, 31 March 2009.
- (6) With reference to the Minister's form letter on Internet filtering which states that the 'scope of the definition of prohibited content in legislation cannot be expanded without changes to legislation being passed by Parliament, and the Government does not intend doing this', what lawful authority empowers: (a) the ACMA to maintain a list of RC content, separate from its existing list of prohibited content; and (b) the Government to require Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to maintain mandatory filtering systems on their networks.
- (7) Is it legal for Australians to possess, read and view material which has been refused classification by the Classification Board, but which has not been judged to be illegal in a court.
- (8) Is it illegal for Australians to view RC images of aborted fetuses.
- (9) Is it illegal for Australians to read RC copies of *The Peaceful Pill Handbook*, or view the film, *The Peaceful Pill*.
- (10) Will the content which the ACMA assessed as RC on the abortiontv.com website be blocked by ISPs on a mandatory basis for adults; if not, what other exceptions to RC, on other websites, would be similarly permitted.
- (11) Will the content in the YouTube presentations of *The Peaceful Pill* which the ACMA assessed as RC be blocked by ISPs on a mandatory basis for adults; if not, what other exceptions to RC would be similarly permitted.
- (12) Will the lists of URLs purporting to be copies of the ACMA blacklist on <http://www.wikileaks.org>, which the ACMA assessed as RC, be blocked by ISPs on a mandatory basis for adults; if not, what other exceptions to RC would be similarly permitted.
- (13) Will computer games exceeding the requirements of the MA15+ classification be RC and potentially blocked by ISPs on a mandatory basis for adults; if not, what other exceptions to RC would be similarly permitted.
- (14) If the Government intends to distribute to ISPs a blacklist of RC websites used by millions of end users across the length and breadth of Australia, what safeguards does it intend to put in place to prevent the list from being: (a) leaked and subsequently published; and (b) reverse engineered by one or several of those users and subsequently published.
- (15) Has the Government consulted with officials in overseas jurisdictions to determine their likely reaction in the event that a leaked copy of an Australian list of RC material is published on the Internet, and which subsequently enables criminal activity outside Australia's borders; if not: (a) why not; and (b) does the Government intend to consult these jurisdictions.

*Notice given 6 May 2009*

\*1497 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1069 and the underspend in the program, A Sustainable Future Tasmania - Mole Creek:

- (1) How many hectares have been covenanted under this program.

- (2) What was the average price per hectare for the conservation covenant.
- (3) Will the underspend of \$207 000 be available for future conservation covenants in the Mole Creek area, or has the money been returned to consolidated revenue.

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## ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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### **Amendment to an order of continuing effect**

#### **1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents**

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

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

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

### **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 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.)

**9 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.)

**10 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.)*

## **Estimates**

### **11 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.*)

**12 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.*)

**13 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.

**14 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.

**15 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****16 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**

### **17 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.)*

### **18 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.)*

### **19 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.)*

**20 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.)*

**21 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.)*

**22 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; statements by leave made 27 August and 1 September 2008.)*

**23 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; statements by leave made 4 September and 15 September 2008.)*

**24 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 the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 4 February 2009; statements by leave made 5 February and 11 February 2009.)*

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

**26 Health—Private health insurance—Reforms—Order for production of documents**

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.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 11 March 2009; documents tabled 16 March 2009 and presented 23 April and 1 May 2009.)

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

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.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 11 March 2009; statement by leave made 17 March 2009.)*

## Question time

### 28 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.)*

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## 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.

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Barnett, Bernardi, Bishop, Carol Brown, Crossin, Forshaw, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, Parry, Troeth and Trood

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## **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  
 Climate Policy  
 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](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, Back, 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)

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**Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](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, Parry, Sherry and Williams

*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)

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**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei\\_ctte/index.htm](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)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](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)

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**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

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**Climate Policy—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/climate\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/climate_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 11 March 2009; reporting date: 14 May 2009)

*Members*

Senators Colbeck (*Chair*), Senator Milne (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boswell, Cash, Cameron, Feeney, Furner, Macdonald, Pratt and Xenophon

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams and Wortley

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**Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](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 member*

*Implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children*—Senator Farrell to replace Senator Bilyk

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob 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*

- 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: 25 June 2009*)
- Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (*referred 11 November 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of 2009*)
- \* Compliance audits on Medicare benefits (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 15 May 2009*)
- \* National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers (*referred 19 March 2009; 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*)
- 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*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and the impact of the tax on ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 16 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

- \* Grasping the opportunity of Opal: Assessing the impact of the Petrol Sniffing Strategy (*tabled 19 March 2009*)
- \* Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Farrell, 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; additional matter on banking and finance industry involvement referred 16 March 2009; reporting date: 23 November 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*)

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### **Economics—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](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, Back, 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 inquiry*

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

Foreign investment in Australia (*referred 18 March 2009; reporting date: 17 June 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*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

- \* Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 14 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 16 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 30 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009 and Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

- \* Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](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 Back, Bilyk, Cash, Collins, Crossin 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, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, 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: 17 September 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*)
- Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)
- Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)
- \* Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

### **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; interim report presented 17 March 2009*)

#### *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*)

2007 federal election electronic voting trials—Interim report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election and matters related thereto (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca\\_ctte/index.htm](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 member*

*Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands*—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Lundy



*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, 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, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Trood and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

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

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—First report (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

- \* The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—Interim final report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 24 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—Second report [Final] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 30 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/index.htm](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 member*

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

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fifield, 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, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiry*

*Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008* (*referred 13 November 2008; reporting date: 15 June 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*)  
 Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)
- \* Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 19 March 2009*)
  - \* Residential and community aged care in Australia (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 29 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
  - \* National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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#### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 19 March 2009*)

##### *Members*

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Ferguson, Fifield, Furner, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, Moore, O'Brien, Payne and Trood and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Ms J Bishop, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Markus, Mr Murphy, Mr Oakeshott, 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*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](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, Back, 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*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

**Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy\\_ctte/index.htm](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, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, 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

*Report presented*

- \* The CPRS: Economic cost without environmental benefit—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
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**House—Standing Committee**

*Members*

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

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**Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf\\_ctte/index.htm](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*)

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**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](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 members*

*Access to justice*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions]*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, 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*

- \* Access to justice (referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)
- \* Australia's judicial system and the role of judges (referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)
- \* Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 19 March 2009; interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 2009)
- \* Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 19 March 2009; interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 2009)

- \* Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: interim report presented 7 May 2009 proposing a final reporting date of 12 May 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*)

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

- \* Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2009*)
- \* Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim reports (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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### **Library—Standing Committee**

#### *Members*

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

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### **Men's Health—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/menshealth\\_ctte/index.htm](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 Adams, Lundy, Sterle, Troeth and Williams

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, 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

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### **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*)

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**National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008 and 12 March 2009; final reporting date: 22 June 2009*)

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, 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*) and correction (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

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**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*)

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**Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsctl/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

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**Privileges—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv\\_ctte/index.htm](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)

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**Procedure—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc\\_ctte/index.htm](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)

- \* Second report of 2009—The Senate committee system (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 16 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7))
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**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*)

\* 9th report (*tabled 19 March 2009*)

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**Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee**

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/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*)

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**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](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, Back, 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Wortley (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Back, 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](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, Nash and O'Brien

*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

*Public passenger transport in Australia*—Senator Back to replace Senator Nash

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, 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, Nash, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, 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 May 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): 12 May 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: 14 May 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*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

- \* Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 31 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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### 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*)

No. 3 of 2009 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

No. 4 of 2009 (*tabled 18 March 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*)  
 Second report of 2009 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)  
 Third report of 2009 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

*Document presented*

Retirement of Emeritus Professor Jim Davis, Legal Advisor to the Committee 1983 – 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

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**Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

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

*Reports presented*

Report no. 1 of 2008 (*presented 14 February 2008*)  
 Report no. 2 of 2008 (*presented 12 March 2008*)  
 Report no. 3 of 2008 (*presented 19 March 2008*)  
 Report no. 4 of 2008 (*presented 14 May 2008*)  
 Report no. 5 of 2008 (*presented 18 June 2008*)  
 Report no. 6 of 2008 (*presented 25 June 2008*)  
 Report no. 7 of 2008 (*presented 26 June 2008*)  
 Report no. 8 of 2008 (*presented 27 August 2008*)  
 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*)  
 Report no. 3 of 2009 (*presented 18 March 2009*)

\* Report no. 4 of 2009 (*presented 19 March 2009*)

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### **Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

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

#### *Notifications of alterations of interests*

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

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

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*)

#### *Reports presented*

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

Report 1/2009: Annual report 2008 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

#### *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*)

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### **State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm\\_ctte/index.htm](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, Mr Murphy, 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*)

Report 98—Treaties tabled on 26 November 2008 and 4 December 2008 (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

Report 99—Treaties tabled on 3 December 2008 and 3 February 2009 (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

\* Report 100—Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (2) (*tabled 19 March 2009*)

## 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*).

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable John Faulkner</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Kim Carr</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <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	
<b>Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas</b> <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](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm)

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