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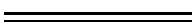
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DISSENT FROM RULING

Order of the Day

***1 Objection to ruling of the President**

Consideration of the motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)—That the ruling of the President on 18 June 2009 (that a child of a senator should be removed from the chamber during a division) be dissented from—(*pursuant to standing order 198, adjourned, 18 June 2009*).



BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Order of the Day

1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

1 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009

Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Customs) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Excise) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—General) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009

Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009

Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Amendment (Household Assistance) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).

2 Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).

- 3 **Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 June 2009).
- 4 **Native Title Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 5 **Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 March 2009).
- 6 **Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 February 2009*).
- 7 **Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 8 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 March 2009).
- 9 **Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2009).
- 10 **AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 March 2009).
- 11 **Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 12 **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).
- 13 **Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 14 **Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 15 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 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 **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**—*(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 18 **Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]**—*(Senate bill)*—*(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*26 November 2008*).
- 19 **Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2009**—*(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 20 **Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009**—*(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 21 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008**—*(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)*
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 5 February 2009*).
- 22 **Budget statement and documents 2009-10**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (*adjourned, Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), 14 May 2009*).
- 23 **Budget statement and documents 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008*).

Notice of Motion

Notice given 17 June 2009

- 1 **Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That, on Thursday, 18 June 2009:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to adjournment;
 - (b) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from 7 pm shall be government business only;
 - (c) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm;
 - (d) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below:
 - Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) Bill 2009
 - Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009

Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2009
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009; and

- (e) if the Senate is sitting at 10.30 pm, the sitting of the Senate be suspended till 9.30 am on Friday, 19 June 2009.

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

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 **Climate Policy—Select Committee—Report**
Economics Legislation Committee—Report—Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and related bills [Provisions]
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the reports (*adjourned, Senator Fisher, 18 June 2009*).
- 2 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Residential and community aged care in Australia**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Polley)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 18 June 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 (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 18 June 2009*).
- 4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).
- 5 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).
- 6 **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 (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).

Orders 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, 18 June 2009*).

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Online availability of government entities' documents tabled in the Australian Parliament

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Planning and allocating aged care places and capital grants—Department of Health and Ageing

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 18 June 2009*).

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 18 June 2009

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the bipartisan commitment to an unconditional reduction in CO₂ emissions of 5 per cent from 2000 levels by 2020, and a reduction of up to 25 per cent in the event of a comprehensive global agreement,
 - (ii) the importance of ensuring that the Obama Administration's intentions on an emissions trading scheme are clarified before Australia implements any emissions trading scheme including the Government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS), and
 - (iii) the importance of awaiting the outcomes of the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in relation to targets before any scheme is legislated in Australia;
- (b) calls on the Government to refer the proposed CPRS to the Productivity Commission so that it may conduct a 6-month review, and make public its findings, before the legislation is finalised to:
 - (i) assess the national, regional and industry sectoral impact of the CPRS in light of the global financial crisis,
 - (ii) assess the economic impact of the CPRS in light of other countries either not imposing a price on carbon comparable to that proposed in Australia or imposing such a price after different assumed periods of delay, and
 - (iii) conceptually and empirically examine the relative costs and benefits (including emissions reductions) of the key alternative scheme designs against the CPRS; and
- (c) therefore, calls on the Government to defer further consideration of the following bills until after the conclusion of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen:
 - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009
 - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009
 - Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2009
 - Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Customs) Bill 2009

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Excise) Bill 2009
 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—General) Bill 2009
 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) Bill 2009
 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits)
 (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009
 Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill
 2009
 Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill
 2009
 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Amendment (Household
 Assistance) Bill 2009
 or any other related bill or bills to implement the proposed CPRS.

- *464 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Government furnish the Senate with a considered response to reports in *The Age* that firms associated with the Reserve Bank of Australia may have been involved in corrupt practices by 25 June 2009.
- *465 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Banking Act 1959* to keep banks accountable in setting mortgage interest rates, and for related purposes. ***Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009.***
- *466 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) supports the call by the Deputy Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation program *Lateline*, 16 June 2009, to support:
 - (i) a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and
 - (ii) a halt to Israel's settlement activity in contested areas; and
 - (b) calls on the Australian Government to endorse the speech by the United States President, Mr Barack Obama, given in Cairo on 4 June 2009, specifically:
 - (i) rejecting the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements, and
 - (ii) affirming that continued Israeli settlements in contested areas violate previous agreements and undermine efforts to achieve peace.

Order of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 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 Ryan, 18 June 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 (*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 (*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*).

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 (*Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), in continuation, 13 November 2008*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 83 **Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Hanson-Young*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 13 May 2009*).
- 86 **Economics—2009-10 Budget**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brandis—That the Rudd Government's poor economic management and the 2009-10 Budget has crippled Australia's economic future for this generation and beyond (*14 May 2009*).

87 **Infrastructure Australia Amendment (National Broadband Network and Other Projects) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Minchin*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 15 June 2009*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (23 June 2009)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Reports to be presented on the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

2 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009.

3 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).

On 24 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 May 2009

1 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That—

- (1) The Senate considers that, in addition to the existing resolutions in relation to the declaration by senators of interests and gifts, an accountability regime with the following elements should govern the declaration by senators of gifts and interests in the nature of sponsored travel, accommodation and hospitality:

- (a) that a written report of the sponsored travel undertaken by the senator be tabled within 60 days of the conclusion of the travel, detailing:
 - (i) the cost or value of the sponsored travel, and
 - (ii) the purpose of the sponsored travel and information gained;
 - (b) that the written report be published on the Senate website within 14 days of the tabling of the report; and
 - (c) that in the event of the sponsored travel not being disclosed and/or a written report not being provided within 60 days of the conclusion of the travel:
 - (i) the senator be required to refund the actual cost of the sponsored travel (or if that cannot be ascertained the reasonable equivalent value thereof) within 30 days into general revenue, and
 - (ii) that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee to determine whether any contempt was committed in that regard.
- (2) The following matter be referred to the Committee of Senators' Interests, for inquiry and report:
The development of resolutions to give effect to an accountability regime for the declaration by senators of gifts and interests in the nature of sponsored travel, accommodation and hospitality, as outlined in paragraph (1).
- (3) For the purposes of the matter referred in paragraph (2):
- (a) standing order 22A(2), relating to membership of the committee, be modified to provide that the committee consist of 9 senators, including 2 nominated by any minority groups or independent senators; and
 - (b) Senator Xenophon be appointed a member of the committee.

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 May 2009

- 1 **Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of a National Security Legislation Monitor, and for related purposes. *National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009.*

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 13 May 2009.

On 25 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

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

- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the tender process for employment services contracts.
- 3 **Economics Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the 2009-10 Budget estimates.
- 4 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**
Second report to be presented.
- 5 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**
Final report to be presented on matters specified in part (2) of the inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system.
- 6 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**
Final report to be presented on the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines.

On 30 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

On 22 July 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 5 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009, the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 and the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009.

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).

2 Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 16 June 2009*).

On 6 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

On 11 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on the relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

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

On the first day of the next period of sittings (11 August 2009)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)

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

On 12 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and the Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

Six 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]

Seven 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 Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 3 of 2008, made under subsections 11AF(1) and (3) of the *Banking Act 1959*, be disallowed. [F2008L04782]

Seven 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 Social Security (Administration) (Schooling Requirement) Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under section 124C of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, be disallowed. [F2009L00240]

Seven 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 References Committee

Report to be presented on access to justice.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Report to be presented on Australia's judicial system and the role of judges.

On 20 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the review of the operation of the order of the Senate agreed to 13 May 2009 relating to committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims.

2 Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on public passenger transport in Australia.

General Business—Order of the Day

84 Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 14 May 2009*).

On 21 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

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

On 30 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Report to be presented on rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities.

Eleven sitting days after today (7 September 2009)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 June 2009

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 4 and made under the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989*, be disallowed. [F2009L00224]

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

On 8 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

- 85 **Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 May 2009*).

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009.

Fourteen sitting days after today (10 September 2009)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2009

- *1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 24 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*, be disallowed. [F2009L00695]

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

On 10 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- *1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

By 17 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on bank mergers.
- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change.
- 3 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**
Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.
- 4 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**
Report to be presented on the oversight of the child care industry.
- 5 **Economics References Committee**
Report to be presented on foreign investment in Australia.

On 21 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On 16 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**
Report to be presented on the welfare of international students.

On 23 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**
Report to be presented on financial products and services in Australia.
- 2 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee**
Final report to be presented.

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs References 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**
Final report to be presented on food production in Australia.

On 30 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**
Fourth report to be presented.

On 30 September 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**
Final report to be presented.

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the 2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

- 50 **Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008—**
(Senate bill)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 10 September 2009*).

Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 16 June 2009; reporting date: 23 June 2009*).

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

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

Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 20 August 2009*).

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 [Provisions]

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 [Provisions]

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009 [Provisions]

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives, 14 May 2009; bills introduced 27 May 2009; order varied 15 June 2009, bills transferred from the Economic Legislation Committee; reporting date: 5 August 2009*).

Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 5 August 2009*).

Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 4 June 2009; reporting date: 22 July 2009*).

Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 8 September 2009*).

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 12 August 2009*).

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

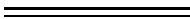
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 23 June 2009*).

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 1 June 2009; reporting date: no later than the commencement of business on 22 June 2009*).

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

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



BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

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

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

Household Stimulus Package Bill 2009

Tax Bonus for Working Australians Bill 2009

Tax Bonus for Working Australians (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2009

Third reading negatived, 12 February 2009.

Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009

Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009

Third reading negatived, 16 June 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 and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 17 June 2009.

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.

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)

Second reading negatived, 18 June 2009.

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

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 11 November 2008.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 912 to 1597 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 24 November 2008

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.

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

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

- 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
- 958 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 959 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 964 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 965 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)

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.

1018 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

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 for Defence

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

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 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 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 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 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.

1459 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

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.

Notice given 30 April 2009

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 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.

Notice given 8 May 2009

1498 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) With reference to the last dot point on page 14 of the 2009 *Exposure draft: Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009: Commentary*: (a) can a list be provided of what are the 'major economies' in question; (b) can 'substantially restrain' be defined; (c) can a list be provided of what are the 'advanced economies' in question; and (d) can 'comparable', in this context, be defined (does this mean overall cuts or per capita).
- (2) Is the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) a tax or not a tax.
- (3) With reference to the statement on page 12 of the exposure draft that 'in case the charge for Australian emissions units issued as a result of an auction or for a fixed charge is, at some time in the future, considered to be taxation', how does the department envisage this potential change in definition taking place.
- (4) (a) Why is it necessary to have exposure drafts of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges – General) Bill 2009, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges – Customs) Bill 2009, and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges – Excise) Bill 2009; and (b) what would be the consequence of not having these three bills passed into law.
- (5) Has the Government sought any legal advice on whether the CPRS is a tax or is not a tax; if so, what was the total cost of that advice; if not, why not.
- (6) How many regulations will be required to fully enact the CPRS.
- (7) On what date will the first, and last, of these regulations be made.
- (8) (a) How many regulations will be created under Chapter 4 of the bill which deals with emissions intensive, trade exposed industries; and (b) on what date will the first, and last, of these regulations be made.

- (9) What is the estimated cost to business: (a) of determining their eligibility; and (b) of complying with the reporting requirements, under the emissions intensive, trade exposed assistance program.
- (10) In regard to example 1.2 on page 40 of the exposure draft commentary where it states that 'Company A is only liable for the fugitive emissions of 23 000 tonnes of CO₂-e', would company A be exempt from the CPRS because it is below the 25 000 tonne threshold; if not, why not.
- (11) In regard to carbon sequestration rights, who owns the right in the case of a managed investment scheme.
- (12) What is the estimated cost of the computer program/system to work out the unit entitlement to be specified in a certificate of reforestation.
- (13) In regard to example 6.2 on page 186 of the exposure draft commentary, is the Minister stating that eligible reforestation projects will reduce the value of the farm land on which it is planted.
- (14) In regard to section 9.26 in Chapter 9 'Compliance and enforcement' of the exposure draft commentary, does the 'assistant' to an inspector require any form of appointment, certification or training.
- (15) In regard to section 312 of the exposure draft, can other examples be provided (e.g. authorities, agencies etc) where inspectors can compel persons to answer questions on threat of imprisonment, with no exemption on the grounds of self-incrimination.
- (16) What is Government's projected total annual administrative budget for operating the CPRS.
- (17) (a) What is the total number of Government employees that will be required to oversee the operation of the CPRS; and (b) what are the Australian Public Service classifications of these employees.
- (18) (a) What will be the total cost of establishing the Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority (ACCRA); (b) what will be the total annual cost of running the ACCRA; and (c) how many staff will ACCRA employ.
- (19) Has the department identified the estimated 1 000 emitters who will be covered by the CPRS; if not, when will this be done.
- (20) (a) How many small businesses and sub-contractors will have to report their emissions by virtue of a controlling contract/business being covered by the CPRS; and (b) what will be the annual cost to these small businesses and sub-contractors of having to report their emissions.
- (21) What effect does the Government expect the current world recession will have on the world's emissions and if emissions growth slow, to what degree and for how long.
- (22) Given that it is accepted that the early 1990s recession had a measurable effect in reducing Australia's emissions, what is the expected effect that the current economic slowdown in Australia will have on Australia's emissions.
- (23) Does the department have access to any modelling which explicitly models this legislation, that is, a five per cent emissions cut regardless of any action other countries do or do not take; if so, will the Government release this modelling; if not: (a) why not; and (b) will the Government commit to commissioning such modelling.
- (24) How will free permits be treated for taxation and accounting purposes, i.e. will free permits be taxable.

Notice given 12 May 2009

- 1502 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—
With reference to the countries that are indebted to Australia: (a) which countries have debts generated by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC); and (b) for each country, what is the Australian dollar amount of its debt.
- 1503 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—
- (1) With reference to Indonesia's debts to Australia:
 - (a) what percentage of its Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) debt was generated from the Development Import Finance Facility Scheme through the National Interest Account;
 - (b) what percentage of its EFIC debt has been rescheduled through the Paris Club; and
 - (c) for each group of rescheduled Paris Club loans, can details be provided of:
 - (i) the company name,
 - (ii) the date of the original facility,
 - (iii) the name of the project,
 - (iv) the name of the beneficiary,
 - (v) the dollar amount still outstanding, and
 - (vi) the terms of agreement (including current rate of interest charged).
 - (2) What percentage of Indonesia's total rescheduled payments relate to transactions involving Transfield Construction's steel bridge projects.
- 1504 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—
With reference to the Development Import Finance Facility loans provided by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation, what is the percentage still outstanding, the percentage that has been rescheduled and the current rate of interest charged for each of the following Transfield Construction Pty Ltd projects:
- (a) 1988 Steel Bridges II (\$42.9 million);
 - (b) 1990 Steel Bridges III (\$67.6 million); and
 - (c) 1993 Steel Bridges IV (\$10.1 million).
- 1505 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the Government's recent \$43 billion National Broadband Network announcement:
- (1) Will the following towns in Western Australia be serviced by the proposed broadband network: (a) Cue; (b) Mount Magnet; (c) Meekatharra; (d) Herne Hill; (e) Hovea; (f) Gingin; (g) Lancelin; (h) Muchea; (i) Nannup; and (j) Pemberton.
 - (2) For how long are the abovementioned towns required to wait for connection to true metro-equivalent broadband services.

Notice given 18 May 2009

- Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1509-1544)—With reference to all legislation administered within your portfolio:
- (1) (a) How many and which statutory reviews are due to commence and/or conclude in 2009; and (b) what are the specified timelines for the commencement and conclusion of each these reviews.

- (2) (a) How many and which statutory reviews are due to commence and/or conclude in 2010; and (b) what are the specified timelines for the commencement and conclusion of each these reviews.

- 1509 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 1513 Minister representing the Treasurer
 1514 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
 1515 Special Minister of State
 1516 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 1517 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 1518 Minister for Defence
 1520 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 1521 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
 1522 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 1523 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
 1525 Minister for Climate Change and Water
 1526 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
 1527 Minister representing the Attorney-General
 1530 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
 1531 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
 1532 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
 1533 Assistant Treasurer
 1534 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Assistant Treasurer on 19 May 2009*)
 1535 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
 1536 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
 1537 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
 1539 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 20 May 2009*)
 1540 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
 1541 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

Notice given 19 May 2009

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1545-1546)—

- (1) What was/is the budget for the Caring for our Country program for each of the following financial years: (a) 2005-06; (b) 2006-07; (c) 2007-08; and (d) 2008-09.
- (2) For each of the abovementioned financial years, how much was expended on Caring for our Country projects in Western Australia.
- (3) Does the Caring for our Country funding take into account the area of land controlled by particular natural resource management groups.

- (4) Do particular areas (e.g. the Murray-Darling Basin) receive priority funding under the Caring for our Country program; if so, how are particular areas assessed for priority funding.
- (5) Has the Swan River catchment ever been assessed for priority funding; if not, why not.

1545 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1546 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1547 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) With reference to any genetic test or biopharmaceutical, has the department ever considered applying for a compulsory license under section 133 of the *Patents Act 1990*; if so, can details be provided identifying the test or biopharmaceutical and the respective patent or patents applying thereto.
- (2) Was any application by the department for a compulsory license successful; if so, can details be provided in order to identify the application and an accurate summary of the terms of the compulsory license; if not, can an explanation be provided in relation to each unsuccessful application.

Notice given 20 May 2009

1548 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What genetic tests are funded, directly or indirectly, by the Commonwealth for the provision of health care in Australia.
- (2) For each test identified in (1) above:
 - (a) what is the relevant disease, illness, or condition being tested;
 - (b) what has been the total amount of Commonwealth expenditure to date to fund the test and can that amount be broken down into:
 - (i) expenditure for 2008, and
 - (ii) anticipated funding for 2009; and
 - (c) does a patent application or patent apply to, or is associated with, that test; if so, can details be provided on that patent application or patent.
- (3) Can a list be provided identifying any documents which are in the possession of the department referring or relating to the impact that such genetic tests have on:
 - (a) the provision and cost of health care in Australia;
 - (b) the provision of training and accreditation for health care professions;
 - (c) the progress in medical research; and
 - (d) the health and wellbeing of the Australian people.
- (4) For each document identified in (3) above, can an accurate summary of its contents be provided.

1549 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What diagnostic tests are funded, directly or indirectly, by the Commonwealth for the provision of health care in Australia.

- (2) For each test identified in (1) above:
 - (a) what is the relevant disease, illness, or condition being tested;
 - (b) what has been the total amount of Commonwealth expenditure to date to fund the test and can that amount be broken down into:
 - (i) expenditure for 2008, and
 - (ii) anticipated funding for 2009; and
 - (c) does a patent application or patent apply to, or is associated with, that test; if so, can details be provided on that patent application or patent.
- (3) Can a list be provided identifying any documents which are in the possession of the department referring or relating to the impact that such diagnostic tests have on:
 - (a) the provision and cost of health care in Australia;
 - (b) the provision of training and accreditation for health care professions;
 - (c) the progress in medical research; and
 - (d) the health and wellbeing of the Australian people.
- (4) For each document identified in (3) above, can an accurate summary of its contents be provided.

1550 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What biopharmaceuticals are funded, directly or indirectly, by the Commonwealth for the provision of health care in Australia.
- (2) For each biopharmaceutical identified in (1) above:
 - (a) what is the relevant disease, illness, or condition being tested;
 - (b) what has been the total amount of Commonwealth expenditure to date to fund the biopharmaceutical and can that amount be broken down into:
 - (i) expenditure for 2008, and
 - (ii) anticipated funding for 2009; and
 - (c) does a patent application or patent apply to, or is associated with, that biopharmaceutical; if so, can details be provided on that patent application or patent.
- (3) Can a list be provided identifying any documents which are in the possession of the department referring or relating to the impact that such biopharmaceuticals have on:
 - (a) the provision and cost of health care in Australia;
 - (b) the provision of training and accreditation for health care professions;
 - (c) the progress in medical research; and
 - (d) the health and wellbeing of the Australian people.
- (4) For each document identified in (3) above, can an accurate summary of its contents be provided.

1551 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to any genetic test or biopharmaceutical, has the department ever considered invoking Crown use under section 163 of the *Patents Act 1990*; if not, why not; if so: (a) what was the test or biopharmaceutical and the respective patent or patents applying thereto; and (b) what were the terms of the Crown use in each instance.

1552 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has the department considered opposing the grant of any patent, or applying to revoke any granted patent, concerning or relating to a: (a) biopharmaceutical; (b) genetic test; or (c) diagnostic test.
- (2) For each instance where the department considered opposing the grant of any patent, or applying to revoke any granted patent in (1) above, can details be provided of deliberations and reasons why action was/was not taken.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1553-1588)—Can details be provided, as at 2 February 2009, of the place of residence, by state or territory, of all appointees to the following appointed groups across the Minister's portfolio: (a) authorities; (b) committees; (c) boards; (d) working groups; and (e) any similar groups appointed by the Minister or the department.

1553 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1554 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 21 May 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1555 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1556 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1557 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1558 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1559 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1560 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1561 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1562 Minister representing the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1563 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1564 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

1565 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)

- 1566 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1567 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1568 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1569 Minister for Climate Change and Water (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1570 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1571 Minister representing the Attorney-General (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1572 Minister for Human Services (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1573 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1574 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1575 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1576 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1577 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1578 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1579 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1580 Minister representing the Minister for Housing (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1581 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1582 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1583 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 22 May 2009; **further transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1584 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1585 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)
- 1586 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (**transferred** to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 May 2009; **further transferred** to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009)

- 1587 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 21 May 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)
- 1588 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 May 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 9 June 2009*)
- 1589 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—
- (1) How do secondment arrangements to the Australian Federal Police (AFP), including airport uniformed police officers, differ between the various states and territories.
 - (2) Do different rates of pay apply to seconded officers from different jurisdictions; if so, what are the standard rates of pay for each jurisdiction, that apply to officers seconded to the AFP.
 - (3) In regard to (1) above, are there any differences, financial or otherwise, in arrangements between the Commonwealth and individual state and territory jurisdictions at government to government level.
 - (4) Has any consideration been given to standardising secondment pay and other arrangements between the Commonwealth and the states and territories; if not, why not.
 - (5) How do pay rates vary between seconded and non-seconded sworn officers.
 - (6) How are the components of the remuneration package of seconded officers divided between the Commonwealth and the states and territories (i.e. including accrued leave, long-service, personal leave, wages, superannuation and any other non-financial benefits) for sworn offices from each state and territory jurisdiction.

Notice given 21 May 2009

- 1590 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 26 May 2009*)—With reference to the Deputy Prime Minister's trip to the United States of America, Great Britain and Singapore between 21 June and 5 July 2008: (a) who accompanied the Deputy Prime Minister; (b) who did the Deputy Prime Minister meet in Great Britain and Singapore; (c) what was the purpose of each of these meetings; (d) where did each of these meetings occur; and (e) who attended each of these meetings.
- 1591 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Employment Participation—
- (1) Have any successful tenderers for job services contracts subcontracted all or part of their contracts to other providers; if so: (a) how many; and (b) in each case, which contracts or parts of contracts have been subcontracted to other providers.
 - (2) Can an estimate be provided of how many more job services contracts, or parts of contracts, are likely to be contracted out.
 - (3) Are contractors obliged to notify or gain approval from the Minister or the department of their intention to subcontract out part of their contracts; if so, what approvals have been given.

- (4) Can the following details be provided: (a) an estimate of the average mark down, or the percentage of revenue taken by the primary contractor, on contracts, or parts of contracts, so contracted out; and (b) the percentage mark down for all instances of subcontracting of which it is aware.
- (5) (a) Why was the provision which allows for contracts to be subcontracted included in the tender; (b) who recommended the provision; and (c) who approved the provision.
- (6) How is the practice of contracting out job services contracts reconciled with the requirement for successful tenderers to have in place 'sound local strategies to help job seekers and employers and to have strong linkages with other organisations offering services in their community, like training, housing, or community services'.

1592 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Employment Participation—

- (1) Can the Minister expand on and provide details on the comment made during his press conference of 1 April 2009, in which the Minister said 'what I say to those unsuccessful tenderers and those staff is we need their skill', by advising what formal or informal processes may be in place or will be put in place to ensure that the skills of the unsuccessful tenderers and their staff are utilised under the new employment services system, for example, will this include a contractual obligation for all new providers to engage staff who have been displaced as a result of the tender outcome.
- (2) What mechanism will the Government use to monitor the success or otherwise of the new employment services system, including projected and actual increases in unemployment rates.
- (3) What role will Parliament play in monitoring and reviewing the operation of the \$4 billion taxpayer-funded employment service system, especially in the current and future economic climates of rising and continuing economic unemployment.
- (4) (a) How did the Government and the department come to the view, as stated in the introduction to the new employment services tender document, that the 'widespread view of employment services stakeholders is that the current Job Network is no longer suited to the Australian economic environment which is characterised by relatively lower unemployment, widespread skills shortages and a growing proportion of job seekers who are highly disadvantaged and long-term unemployed. The problem is not simply finding a job; it is also finding appropriately skilled labour for employers'; and (b) can details be provided on how this 'widespread view' was determined, be it anecdotally, by formal survey, consultations with providers, including details of any such processes, dates, attendance lists, formal and informal feedback etc.
- (5) Can copies be provided of all legal advice to the Government and the department advising them of the legal requirement and obligation to re-tender the employment services contracts, in particular for the period 2009 to 2012.
- (6) (a) How will unsuccessful tenderers have access to the \$3.5 million adjustment fund; (b) how was the figure of \$3.5 million determined and over what period of time will this money be accessible; and (c) will the figure of \$3.5 million be revised as a result of its adequacy or otherwise in assisting unsuccessful tenderers.

1593 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Employment Participation—

- (1) At what time and on what date were the tender results for the Job Services Australia contract period 2009 to 2012 first published on the department's www.workplace.gov.au website.
- (2) Did any tenderers or individuals and companies associated with tenderers for the Job Services Australia contract period 2009 to 2012 receive advance notice of the tender results prior to their announcement and/or publication.
- (3) Did any individuals or companies, including those involved in the provision of support services and goods to employment service providers and the department, receive any advance notice of the public announcement of the Job Services Australia tender for the contract period 2009 to 2012, including the receipt of a complete list of successful tenderers, prior to successful and unsuccessful tenderers receiving notification of the outcome of the tender process.
- (4) Can a list be provided of all successful tenderers for the Job Services Australia contract period 2009 to 2012, including principal contractors, consortia members and subcontractors.

1594 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Employment Participation—

- (1) Can copies be provided of any advice received or prepared by the department in relation to the impact or influence of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement on the department's decision to award contracts under the employment service contract agreement for a period of 3 years, rather than the 5 years requested by employment service providers.
- (2) Did the department refer to, or examine, any elements, be it general or specific, of the United Kingdom's employment service model in the framing of the 2009 to 2012 employment services contract model.
- (3) Were any elements of the United Kingdom employment service model incorporated into the 2009 to 2012 employment service contract model; if so, can details be provided.
- (4) What, if any, direct or indirect involvement did the Prime Minister's office have in the framing of the tender and the tender process.
- (5) What is the current number of highly disadvantaged job seekers.
- (6) What forecasting has been undertaken to determine the number of highly disadvantaged job seekers in the 2009 to 2012 employment service contract period.
- (7) Can a list be provided of employment service providers and/or delegations of employment service providers who met with the Minister and/or his advisers and personal staff during the period of 1 January 2008 to 31 March 2009.
- (8) (a) What advance notice, if any, did overseas employment service providers or agencies receive in relation to the 2009 to 2012 employment service contract tender process; and (b) at what point in the process did they formally express their interest in tendering.

Notice given 22 May 2009

1595 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law—With reference to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation online news article of 18 May 2009 ‘Super changes will “only affect a few”’ that states that the ‘average account balance for a person over age 50 currently contributing more than \$50,000 is \$890,000’:

- (1) What source or sources did the Minister consult to obtain this figure.
- (2) Did the Minister obtain advice to verify this figure; if so, from whom; if not, why not.
- (3) Can copies be provided of documentation that supports this claim.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1596-1597)—

- (1) With reference to the Minister’s repeatedly stated concern about superannuation fees and charges, does the Minister, the Minister’s office or the department actively monitor fee increases in the industry.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that one of the major funds nominated as a default fund in many awards announced a 50 per cent increase in fees with effect from 1 January 2009.
- (3) Is the Minister concerned about this fee increase.
- (4) Is the Minister concerned that Australian workers will be automatically enrolled in this fund without their express consent.
- (5) Will the Minister communicate to the Australia Industrial Relations Commission and/or Fair Work Australia: (a) his concern about this cost increase; and (b) that at least four or five funds should be nominated in each modern award to ensure employers have a choice and can avoid funds that inappropriately raise fees; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Minister sought and received any advice from the department about default fund fee increases; if not, why not.
- (7) Did the Minister receive advice about default fund fee increases; if so, can a copy of that advice be provided; if not, why not.

1596 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1597 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

Notice given 25 May 2009

1598 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) (a) Since November 2007, which peak industry associations representing the gold industry have met the Minister, her office or the department to discuss the Government’s Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme; and (b) for each meeting, on what date was the meeting held and who were the attendees.

- (2) Has the Minister, her office or the department met with the Gold Forum, established by the Minerals Council of Australia, to discuss the emissions-intensive trade-exposed definitions under the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme; if so, for each meeting, on what date was the meeting held and who were the attendees.
- (3) When will the department commence the gold industry activity definitions workshop (ADW) in relation to sectoral activities definition under the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.
- (4) How did the Minister determine priorities when scheduling ADW's.
- (5) Given the gold industry's place as Australia's third largest export earner for the 2008-09 financial year, did the Minister take into account the relative value of industry when failing to prioritise for an ADW.

Notice given 26 May 2009

1599 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Special Minister of State—With reference to the Minister's decision to include Reflex Laser Carbon Neutral paper in the office requisites contract:

- (1) How much of the carbon neutrality of the paper is achieved by: (a) purchasing carbon offsets; and (b) genuine changes to reduce carbon emissions as a result of logging of native forests, the transport of pulp and the production of the paper.
- (2) If the carbon neutrality is achieved primarily from buying offsets, what stops any paper manufacturer being included on this basis.
- (3) How much of the pulp used to produce the paper comes from: (a) native forests in Victoria and/or Tasmania; and (b) plantations.
- (4) Does any of the pulp used in the paper come from overseas; if so: (a) where; and (b) can Australian Paper prove that the pulp comes from sustainably logged plantations.
- (5) Does Reflex include the carbon emissions from any burning of forests after logging in its account of how much carbon is emitted from the production of the paper.

1600 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Is it the case that body corporates are not eligible to receive any Federal Government solar rebate funding for the installation of solar panels for energy use in common areas; if so: (a) why do they not meet established eligibility criteria; and (b) why have they been excluded.
- (2) Does the Government support body corporates adopting solar technology in common areas; if so, what mechanisms and/or initiatives are in place to demonstrate such a commitment; if not, why not.
- (3) Given that a home owner and/or landlord may apply for solar rebate funding under a variety of initiatives, including the Solar Homes and Communities Plan and that, in contrast, body corporate unit owners are required to pay part of electricity costs to body corporates, who in turn are ineligible themselves for a rebate for the installation of solar panels for energy use in common areas, will the Government reconsider the eligibility of body corporates for solar rebate funding; if not, why not.

1601 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) How many tonnes of greenhouse gases are generated to produce one mega litre of potable drinking water in Australia.
- (2) Given the National Plumbing Regulators Forum is urgently seeking funding to conduct drain flow tests at the Canberra Technical College to understand the increasing problems drains are experiencing from decreasing water flows causing increased blockages and associated serious health issues, when is the Minister going to make a decision on funding this urgent testing.

1602 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1389 (Senate *Hansard*, 14 May 2009, p.125):

- (1) In the interests of ensuring Commonwealth Government compliance with the spirit and intent of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and in the interests of applying Commonwealth controls to the potentially-threatening activity of heavy vehicle traffic across the Richmond Bridge, will the Commonwealth Government ensure that a reduced load limit is placed on the bridge by the Tasmanian Government as a condition of finalising the management plan; if not, why not.
- (2) In regard to the Commonwealth Government's allocation of funds in 2007 to assist the Tasmanian Government in conducting laser scans of the Richmond Bridge:
 - (a) how were the details and structural findings of the laser scan incorporated into the current draft conservation management plan and/or the final conservation management plan; and
 - (b) was any structural analysis a requirement for the preparation of the draft and/or final management plans; if not, why not.
- (3) What rights, obligations and/or responsibilities does the Commonwealth Government have regarding:
 - (a) the protection of structures, for example Richmond Bridge, which are listed on the National Heritage List (NHL) and owned by state governments; and
 - (b) the protection of structures such as buildings that are privately-owned and listed on the NHL.
- (4) Given that the current draft conservation management plan for the Richmond Bridge has recommended the current load limit of 25 tonnes remain the same:
 - (a) when did the Commonwealth Government express its concern to the Tasmanian Government regarding heavy vehicles being driven across the bridge;
 - (b) what Commonwealth Government key concerns were expressed to the Tasmanian Government;
 - (c) what action, if any, did the Commonwealth Government request the Tasmanian Government to undertake to mitigate and/or eliminate expressed concerns; and

- (d) what was the Tasmanian Government's response to these expressed concerns and is the Commonwealth Government satisfied with its response; if not, why not.
- (5) In regard to the allocation of funds for the 2007-08 financial year to prepare a new conservation management plan for the Richmond Bridge:
 - (a) who or which department informed the Commonwealth Government that a structural analysis of the bridge was not required and/or necessary;
 - (b) what reasons were provided to demonstrate that a structural analysis was not required or necessary; and
 - (c) when did such discussions, either written or verbal, take place.

Notice given 27 May 2009

1603 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) Is there any requirement for Telstra to provide a free directory assistance number to the public.
- (2) Is Telstra replacing the 12456 free directory assistance number with the Sensis 1234 number which will have a connection fee of 40 cents and 4 cents per second thereafter; if so, will the Government act to ensure that Telstra also provides access to a free service and makes that number known to the public.

1604 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—(a) How many meetings of the Expenditure Review Committee have been held since the 2008-09 Budget; (b) what were the dates of these meetings; and (c) how many and which of these meetings did the Prime Minister attend.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1605-1606)—With reference to Expenditure Review Committee meetings since the 2008-09 Budget, how many and which of these meetings did the Minister attend.

1605 Minister representing the Treasurer

1606 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

Notice given 29 May 2009

1607 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1374 and the significant falls in staffing levels of the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) since November 2007, including the reduction in total staff numbers from 761 to 591 and task force staffing levels from 52 to 19:

- (1) What has been the operational impact of these reduced staffing levels.
- (2) How many major investigations were being undertaken on: (a) 23 November 2007; and (b) 1 March 2009.
- (3) How many task forces were operating on: (a) 23 November 2007; and (b) 1 March 2009.
- (4) Have any investigations been abandoned or delayed due to staffing availability.
- (5) What administrative or other services have been reduced due to declining staffing levels.

- (6) Given that the annual staffing level for the 2009-10 financial year will be 505, down from 526 for the 2008-09 financial year, where will staffing cuts be made.
- (7) Can the ACC absorb the loss of another 21 staff without a detrimental impact on operational activities to combat organised and other crimes.

1608 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the relationship between the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and the Grains Council of Australia (GCA):

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the current arrangements for membership of the GCA.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd, a plant breeder, is a member of the GCA.
- (3) Does the Minister consider that it is appropriate that commercial entities can become members of the GCA, which in turn then has a role in advising the GRDC on its investment decisions.
- (4) (a) Does the Minister consider that the ongoing relationship between the GRDC and the GCA is appropriate; and (b) is there any potential for a conflict of interest in this arrangement.
- (5) How much does the GRDC contribute, directly or indirectly, to the GCA.
- (6) What proportion of GCA revenues are provided by GRDC contributions.

1609 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1388 (*Senate Hansard*, 14 May 2009, p. 2982), concerning the promised Medicare office in Belmont, Western Australia: (a) why is the Belmont office only under 'active consideration' when it was a 2007 election promise and the Rudd Government is halfway through its term of office; (b) when will a commitment on timing be made; (c) will the office be opened before the next election; and (d) why has the delay occurred.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1610-1645)—

- (1) Can a list be provided, by agency, of all infrastructure and/or capital works projects that fall under the responsibility of an agency within the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) For each of the projects in (1) above:
 - (a) when was it first announced, by whom, and by what method;
 - (b) if applicable, what program is it funded through;
 - (c) what is its total expected cost;
 - (d) what was its original budget;
 - (e) what is its current budget;
 - (f) what is the total Federal Government contribution to its cost;
 - (g) what is the total state government contribution to its cost;
 - (h) if applicable, what other funding sources are involved and what is their contribution to the project cost;
 - (i) what was the expected start date of construction;
 - (j) what is the expected completion date;

- (k) (i) who is responsible for delivering the project, and (ii) if a state government is responsible for delivering the project, when will the funding be released to the relevant state government;
 - (l) is the project to be completed in stages/phases; if so, what is the timing and cost of each stage/phase;
 - (m) why was the project funded; and
 - (n) what cost benefit or other modelling was done before the project was approved.
- 1610 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1611 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 1612 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)
- 1613 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)
- 1614 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1615 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1616 Special Minister of State
- 1617 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1618 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1619 Minister for Defence
- 1620 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1621 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1622 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1623 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1624 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 1625 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 1626 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1627 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1628 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1629 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1630 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1631 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1632 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1633 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1634 Assistant Treasurer
- 1635 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 1636 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1637 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1638 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1639 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)

- 1640 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 1 June 2009*)
- 1641 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1642 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 1643 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 1 June 2009*)
- 1644 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)
- 1645 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 1 June 2009*)

Notice given 2 June 2009

- 1646 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy on 10 June 2009*)—With reference to the Government's Clean Energy Initiative and, in particular, the proposed \$1.5 billion investment in large-scale solar generation projects as stated in the 2009-10 Budget papers, can details be provided of the large-scale solar generation projects currently awaiting Government funding approval and the date on which these projects were submitted to the Government for funding consideration.
- 1647 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy on 10 June 2009*)—With reference to the Government's Clean Energy Initiative and, in particular, the proposed \$1.5 billion investment in large-scale solar generation projects as stated in the 2009-10 Budget papers, can a breakdown be provided of how the funds are proposed to be allocated and over what period of time.

Notice given 3 June 2009

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1648-1683)—Since 1 January 2008, has the department or any of its agencies expended any funds on advertising or sponsored links on a search engine such as www.google.com for any government websites administered within the Minister's portfolio (i.e. websites with '.gov.au' domain names); if so:

- (a) which websites have been or are being advertised/sponsored on each search engine;
- (b) what was the cost of establishing the advertisement/sponsorship;
- (c) what was/is the daily cost of sponsorship;
- (d) what was/is the fee that is charged each time an advertised/sponsored site is selected through the search engine;
- (e) which words or phrases have been included in the advertisement/sponsorship (i.e. 'digital television');
- (f) which additional, subcategories or combinations of words have also been included in the advertisement/sponsorship;
- (g) how many variables or combinations were entered into the purchase equation;

- (h) for how long has the advertisement/sponsorship been running or is intended to run; and
- (i) what is the total cost to the department (or the costs to date if the expense is ongoing) of each website advertisement and/or sponsored link.

- 1648 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1649 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2009*)
- 1650 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1651 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 1652 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1653 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1654 Special Minister of State
- 1655 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1656 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1657 Minister for Defence
- 1658 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1659 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1660 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1661 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1662 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 1663 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 1664 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1665 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1666 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1668 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1669 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1670 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1671 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1672 Assistant Treasurer
- 1673 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 1674 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1675 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1676 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1677 Minister for Employment Participation
- 1678 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 3 June 2009*)
- 1679 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1680 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

- 1681 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 June 2009*)
- 1682 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2009*)
- 1683 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 June 2009*)

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1684-1685)—

- (1) Did Cabinet meet on 1 June 2009; if so: (a) when did the meeting commence and conclude; and (b) when was the meeting first scheduled.
- (2) Did any Cabinet committees meet on 1 June 2009; if so, for each: (a) when did the meeting commence and conclude; and (b) when was the meeting first scheduled.

1684 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1685 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 3 June 2009*)

Notice given 9 June 2009

1686 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—

- (1) What is the total budget for the current Centrelink ‘Couples are Couples’ advertising campaign.
- (2) How many individuals receiving Centrelink benefits will be affected by the issues addressed by the advertising campaign.
- (3) Is the department conducting any other advertising campaigns in relation to recent same-sex related legislative changes; if so, how much is budgeted to be spent advertising the same-sex related legislative changes in the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years.

1687 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to Perth Airport:

- (1) Is the owner of the airport subject to contractual or regulatory obligations regarding the level of service provided to the public and the facilities to be provided.
- (2) What are the contractual and regulatory obligations of the owner.
- (3) What are the specific contractual and regulatory obligations for each of the following:
 - (a) the provision and availability of short- and long-term parking;
 - (b) the provision and availability of set-down and pick-up car bays;
 - (c) the speed of security screening;
 - (d) catering and other retail services;
 - (e) availability of taxi services; and
 - (f) security services, particularly in relation to long-term parking.
- (4) What are the limitations, if any, on the airport charging monopolistic fees on the services they provide.

- (5) (a) Are any details of the contractual and regulatory obligations of the owner of the airport regarding level of service and facilities not publicly available; if so, why are these details not publicly available; and (b) who monitors the compliance with such contractual and regulatory obligations.
- (6) (a) Is the owner of the airport complying in all respects with contractual and regulatory obligations in relation to the operation, development and services to the public at the airport; and (b) what monitoring takes place to ensure this is the case.
- (7) For the monitoring mentioned in (6)(b) above: (a) who undertakes this monitoring; (b) in what form does it occur; and (c) how frequently does it take place.

1688 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
With reference to the evidence of the department to the Finance and Public Administration Committee inquiry *Residential and Community Aged Care in Australia* on 13 March 2009, indicating that the survey by Bentleys MRI Resourcing Pty Ltd for 2008 showed an improvement in returns for operators:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that, although Bentleys have not released the report on its results, the covering letter provided with the raw data released on 16 February 2008 stated ‘We advise participants that our data analysis indicates that, on a macro level, profitability for the sector is trending downwards when compared to last year’.
- (2) (a) Is the Minister aware that the covering letter goes on to state that ‘We also urge participants to exercise caution when comparing data between this year’s survey benchmarks and previous years. Due to changes in the participant pool in 2008, and as a result of adjustments to our classification scales for services, direct comparison from year to year for some items may be misleading at first glance’; and (b) did the Minister not consider that the researcher’s advice was relevant before presenting comparative analysis to the inquiry on two unrelated data sets.
- (3) Given that the department also stated that 51.5 per cent of single-bed facilities were in the top earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) quartile for the 2007-08 financial year and Bentleys has not published a report on its raw survey data, what is the department’s definition of ‘single-bed’ and ‘multi-bed’ facilities.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that using the Grant Thornton definition of ‘multi-bed’ facilities, 77 per cent of high care services in the top EBITDA quartile were multi-bed (less than 70 per cent single rooms).
- (5) How does the department reconcile its statement that 49 per cent of high care services in the top EBITDA quartile are ‘multi-bed’ with the Grant Thornton data on ‘multi-bed’ facilities.
- (6) Is it correct that the bottom quartile is dominated by single-bed facilities.
- (7) What is ‘CAP data’ and what is its purpose.
- (8) (a) In what year was the analysis on the general purpose financial reports describing providers’ financial returns from residential care last performed; (b) were the results of the analysis published; and (c) if the results were not publicly released: (i) why not, and (ii) will the Minister now make this analysis public.
- (9) Can details be provided for individual facility EBITDA and performance for single- and multi-bed facilities.

- 1689 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister’s speech acknowledging the twentieth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in which he referred to advances made by the Chinese Government, including positive steps in the rule of law and political rights, can the Prime Minister outline the actions he knows the Chinese Government is undertaking in the following areas: (a) rule of law; (b) political rights; (c) corruption; and (d) increasing openness in the work of the Government.

Notice given 10 June 2009

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1690-1725)—

- (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) With reference to the ‘clean-up’ of redundant and potentially-redundant regulations being coordinated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, which Acts or legislative instruments have been identified as redundant or potentially-redundant and why.

- 1690 Minister representing the Prime Minister
 1691 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 June 2009*)
 1692 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
 1693 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
 1694 Minister representing the Minister for Treasurer
 1695 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
 1696 Minister for Defence
 1697 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
 1698 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 1699 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
 1700 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 1701 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
 1702 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
 1703 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
 1704 Minister for Climate Change and Water
 1705 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
 1706 Minister representing the Attorney-General
 1707 Special Minister of State
 1708 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
 1709 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
 1710 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
 1711 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
 1712 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

- 1713 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1714 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1715 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1716 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1717 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1718 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 1719 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1720 Assistant Treasurer
- 1721 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1722 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 1723 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1724 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 15 June 2009*)
- 1725 Minister for Employment Participation
- 1726 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Special Minister of State—
- (1) Can a table be provided listing, for all ministers and parliamentary secretaries, the make, model and year of each vehicle they have chosen as their current private-plated vehicle for their home base.
 - (2) Can a table be provided listing, for all ministers and parliamentary secretaries, the make, model and year of each vehicle they have chosen in lieu of COMCAR for Canberra.
 - (3) Can a list be provided of all ministers and parliamentary secretaries that have elected to take a section 5.11 payout in lieu of a private-plated vehicle.
- Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1727-1763)—Can a list be provided of contracts awarded to: (a) the Boston Consulting Group; and (b) the Allen Consulting Group, by the department and/or any of its agencies, of any value, between 1 January 2008 and 31 May 2009, including the value and primary deliverable of the contract.
- 1727 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1728 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 June 2009*)
- 1729 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1730 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 1731 Minister representing the Minister for Treasurer
- 1732 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1733 Minister for Defence
- 1734 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

- 1735 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1736 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1737 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1738 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1739 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1740 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 1741 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 1742 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1743 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1744 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1745 Special Minister of State
- 1746 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1747 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1748 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1749 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 1750 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 18 June 2009*)
- 1751 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1752 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1753 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1754 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1755 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1756 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 18 June 2009*)
- 1757 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1758 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 18 June 2009*)
- 1759 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1760 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 1761 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 June 2009*)
- 1762 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 15 June 2009*)
- 1763 Minister for Employment Participation

Notice given 11 June 2009

1764 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) For what reason did the Governor-General declare in 2007 that reference of the new Australian Security Intelligence Organisation headquarters to the Public Works Committee was contrary to the public interest.
- (2) Where is the Governor-General's order declared.
- (3) Which ministers gave advice to the Governor-General about this matter.

1765 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Commonwealth Public Interest and Test Cases Scheme which has been administered by the department for the past 10 years: (a) how many cases has it funded; (b) what were the details of each of these cases; (c) how many applications for funding have been refused; and (d) can details be provided on each application that was rejected.

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1766-1767)—Can details be provided of any overseas visits or meetings Ms Lisa Paul PSM, departmental Secretary, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the countries visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms Paul for each overseas visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these overseas visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Ms Paul on each of these overseas visits.

1766 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1767 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1768-1769)—Can details be provided of any interstate visits or meetings Ms Lisa Paul PSM, departmental Secretary, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the states visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms Paul for each interstate visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these interstate visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Ms Paul on each of these interstate visits.

1768 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1769 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1770-1771)—Can details be provided of any overseas visits or meetings Mr Graham Carters, deputy Secretary of the department, has undertaken or attended at government expense since his appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the countries visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Mr Carters for each overseas visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these overseas visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Mr Carters on each of these overseas visits.

1770 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1771 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1772-1773)—Can details be provided of any interstate visits or meetings Mr Graham Carters, deputy Secretary of the department, has undertaken or attended at government expense since his appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the states visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Mr Carters for each interstate visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these interstate visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Mr Carters on each of these interstate visits.

1772 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1773 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1774-1775)—Can details be provided of any overseas visits or meetings Ms Natalie James, the department's chief counsel/group manager for Workplace Relations Legal, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the countries visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms James for each overseas visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these overseas visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Ms James on each of these overseas visits.

1774 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1775 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1776-1777)—Can details be provided of any interstate visits or meetings Ms Natalie James, the department's chief counsel/group manager for Workplace Relations Legal, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

- (a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
- (b) the states visited;
- (c) the location of each meeting;
- (d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms James for each interstate visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
- (e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these interstate visits; and
- (f) who accompanied Ms James on each of these interstate visits.

1776 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009*)

1777 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Notice given 12 June 2009

1778 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship on 18 June 2009*)—With reference to Chinese dissidents, including all those who risk arrest through advocating a multi-party democracy in China:

- (1) How many have been accepted in Australia as refugees in each year for the past 10 years.
- (2) How many have applied for but not been granted asylum or refugee status.
- (3) Have any Charter 08 signatories sought asylum in Australia.

Notice given 16 June 2009

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1779-1783)—With reference to the Economic Stimulus Plan logo: (a) who developed the logo; (b) if the logo was developed externally, by what method was the contractor selected; and (c) what was the total cost of developing the logo.

1779 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1780 Minister representing the Minister for Education

1781 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1782 Minister representing the Treasurer

1783 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1784-1820)—

- (1) (a) Can an itemised list be provided of how much the department has spent on hospitality since 24 November 2007; and (b) of this, how much was spent on alcohol.

- (2) For each Minister and any associated parliamentary secretary: (a) can an itemised list be provided of how much each office has spent on hospitality since 24 November 2007; and (b) of this, how much was spent on alcohol.

- 1784 Minister representing the Prime Minister
1785 Minister representing the Minister for Education
1786 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1787 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
1788 Minister representing the Treasurer
1789 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
1790 Minister for Defence
1791 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
1792 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
1793 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1794 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
1795 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
1796 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
1797 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1798 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
1799 Minister for Climate Change and Water
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1807 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
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1809 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1810 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1811 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
1812 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009*)
1813 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
1814 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
1815 Assistant Treasurer
1816 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009*)

- 1817 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 1818 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009*)
- 1819 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 18 June 2009*)
- 1820 Minister for Employment Participation
- 1821 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the Minister’s speech at the Auswind 2007 conference and exhibition ‘Future Vision 2020’ in which he outlined ten key measures for addressing climate change, and in particular, point three - lead by example, ‘Here’s a radical notion: a Federal Government putting its money where its mouth is on climate change policy. We will use government’s purchasing power to develop markets for efficient technologies and we will set an objective to power Parliament House and all MP electorate offices with renewable and clean energy’ and given that the current energy contract for Parliament House will expire on 30 June 2009: will the Minister deliver on his promise and negotiate a new energy contract to power Parliament House and electorate offices with renewable and clean energy from 1 July 2009; if not, why not; if so, how will point three be implemented.
- 1822 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the department’s publication *Looking Over the Horizon: Australians Consider Defence*, dated December 2008, in which the Defence White Paper Community Consultation Panel on page 28 refers to research commissioned in June 2008 and polling data collected in July 2008:
- (a) is the research the June 2008 report *Urbis Community Attitudes to Defence: Final Report* which is based on research compiled from January to March 2008; if not: (i) can the research finding that revealed that support for increased defence expenditure has fallen from 75 per cent in 2000 to 30 per cent in June 2008 be provided, or (ii) can the name, date and source of this research be provided; and
 - (b) can the polling data be provided; if not, can the date of the polling and the company undertaking the polling be provided.

Notice given 17 June 2009

- 1823 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—During consideration of the Fair Work Bill 2009, did the Government make any representations about the appointment of specialist advisors for small and medium enterprises; if so, can details be provided of: (a) what those representations were; and (b) the implementation of these representations, including: (i) the starting dates, (ii) the number of advisors, and (iii) where they will be situated, including the state and city.
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ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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Committees

1 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.)***2 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 17 June and Wednesday, 24 June 2009, from 5.30 pm.

*(Agreed to 17 June 2009.)***3 Economics Legislation Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Economics Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 22 June 2009, from 12.30 pm, to take evidence on matters arising from consideration of the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 14 May 2009.)****4 Economics References Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Economics References Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Monday, 22 June 2009 and Tuesday, 23 June 2009, from 7.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into foreign investment in Australia.

*(Agreed to 18 June 2009.)***5 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.)***6 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.)***7 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 24 June 2009, from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports.

(Agreed to 17 June 2009.)

Estimates

8 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.*)

9 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.*)

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 2009-10 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by legislation committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2009-10 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Friday, 31 July 2009
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 10 July 2009
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Monday, 13 July 2009
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Wednesday, 22 July 2009

Group B:

Community Affairs	Thursday, 30 July 2009
Economics	Friday, 31 July 2009
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 31 July 2009
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 30 July 2009

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

Meeting of Senate**14 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

15 Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document

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

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

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

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

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

17 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.)

18 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.)

19 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.)

20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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.)

23 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents—Consideration of legislation

- (1) That the Senate notes that the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) is in contempt of the Senate for his failure to comply with a Senate order of 4 February 2009 for the production of documents relating to the National Broadband Network (NBN) tender process.
- (2) That there be laid on the table by 6.50 pm on Wednesday, 13 May 2009:
 - (a) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's formal report on the 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.

- (3) That if the Government continues to refuse to comply with the orders of the Senate for the provision of these documents, consideration of any bill relating to the Government's 'new national broadband network' be postponed and made an order of the day for the next day of sitting after the documents described in (2)(a) and (2)(b) are laid on the table.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 13 May 2009.)

***24 Employment—Employment Services Contract 2009-12—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment Participation, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 22 June 2009:

- (a) all communications and logs of communications, including emails, between tenderers for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation (Mr O'Connor) and his staff;
- (b) all purchasing related inquiries, including records of phone calls and emails which were made to the former Minister for Employment Participation and his staff and the responses provided;
- (c) all communications and logs of communications between current service providers and tenderers during the probity period for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation and his staff; and
- (d) all documentation relating to any meeting with current service providers or tenderers for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation and/or his staff.

(Motion of Senator Fifield agreed to 18 June 2009.)

Question time

25 Restructuring question time—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order during 2009:

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

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

Two supplementary questions to be allowed to the questioner.

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

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

(Agreed to 13 November 2008; continuation of temporary order agreed to 4 December 2008.)



CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General's reports—Consideration

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

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

Conduct of business

- 2 **Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.
- 3 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)
Senator Xenophon

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

Government documents

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

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

Limitation of time

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

- 5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

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

Order of business

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

Questions without notice

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

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

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

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

Tabling of documents

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

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

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

COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

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

(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 15 May and 13 November 2008)

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, 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; interim report presented 18 June 2009; reporting date: 27 November 2009*)

Incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia (*referred 12 May 2009*)

Reports presented

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

- * Food production in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 18 June 2009*)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

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

Members

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

47th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2009-10 (*tabled 14 May 2009*)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron, Fielding and Parry and Mr Chester, Mr Hayes and Ms Ley

Current inquiry

Operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (*adopted 14 May 2009*)

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*)

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2007-08 (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

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

Current inquiry

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

Reports presented

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

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

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2007-08 (*tabled 17 June 2009*)

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

Climate Policy—Select Committee

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

(appointed 11 March 2009; reporting date varied 13 May 2009; final report tabled 15 June 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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

To 14 May 2009—

Community Affairs—Standing Committee

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

Report on matters not disposed of by the Community Affairs Committee (*tabled 13 May 2009*)

On and from 14 May 2009—**Community Affairs Legislation Committee***Portfolios*

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

Members

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Boyce, Carol Brown and Furner

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, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 6 August 2009*)

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 [Provisions], Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred upon the introduction of the bills in the House of Representatives, 14 May 2009; bills introduced 27 May 2009; order varied 15 June 2009, bills transferred from the Economics Legislation Committee; reporting date: 5 August 2009*)

Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009 (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 5 August 2009*)

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 23 June 2009*)

Reports presented

Compliance audits on Medicare benefits—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Parry, on 10 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Compliance audits on Medicare benefits (*tabled 17 June 2009*)

Community Affairs References Committee*Members*

Senator Siewert (*Chair*), Senator Moore (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Boyce, Carol Brown and Williams

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, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, 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, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, 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*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, 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*)

Agribusiness managed investment schemes (*adopted 27 May 2009*)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

ECONOMICS

To 14 May 2009—

Economics—Standing Committee

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Economics Legislation Committee

Portfolios

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

Members

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

Substitute member

Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009—Senator Abetz to replace Senator Joyce

Participating members

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

Current inquiries

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*reference transferred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 15 June 2009*)

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*reference transferred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 15 June 2009*)

Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*reference transferred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on 15 June 2009*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 1 June 2009; reporting date: no later than the commencement of business on 22 June 2009*)

Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009 (*referred 16 June 2009; reporting date: 23 June 2009*)

- * Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 12 August 2009*)

Reports presented

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and related bills [Provisions] (*tabled 15 June 2009*)

Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Economics References Committee*Members*

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, 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, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams and Wortley

Current inquiries

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

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

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

To 14 May 2009—

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

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

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—**Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee***Portfolios*

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Cash, Collins and Hanson-Young

Substitute member

Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Tender process for employment services contracts—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, 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, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Tender process for employment services contracts (*referred 13 May 2009; reporting date: 25 June 2009*)

Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 4 June 2009; reporting date: 22 July 2009*)

- * Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 10 September 2009*)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee*Members*

Senator Humphries (*Chair*), Senator Marshall (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Cash, Collins and Hanson-Young

Substitute member

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, 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, 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: 17 September 2009*)

Welfare of international students (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

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

Current inquiry

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

To 14 May 2009—**Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

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

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009)

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); tabled 12 May 2009)

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); tabled 12 May 2009)

The reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media (tabled 14 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator McEwen (*Chair*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Ludlam, Lundy, Troeth and Wortley

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009 (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 20 August 2009)

Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee

Members

Senator Birmingham (*Chair*), Senator McEwen (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boswell, Ludlam, Troeth and Wortley

Substitute member

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

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, Ferguson, 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, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiry

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 17 September 2009*)

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*To 14 May 2009—***Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009*) and correction (*tabled 12 May 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

On and from 14 May 2009—**Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee***Portfolios*

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

Members

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator Bernardi (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Ryan and Siewert

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, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiry

Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009 (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 8 September 2009*)

Report presented

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 (*tabled 15 June 2009*) and correction (*tabled 16 June 2009*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee*Members*

Senator Bernardi (*Chair*), Senator Polley† (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron†, Parry, Ryan and Siewert

†Senator Cameron has been elected deputy chair of the committee for the committee's inquiry into the relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd, while Senator Crossin is substituting for Senator Polley

Substitute member

The relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Polley

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

The relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (*referred 14 May 2009; reporting date: 11 August 2009*)

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, Ms J Bishop, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Fitzgibbon, 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 and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families (*referred 21 May 2008*)

Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America (*referred 4 June 2008*)

Australia's relationship with ASEAN (*referred 25 June 2008*)

Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific (*referred 3 September 2008*)

Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power (*referred 2 March 2006; recommenced 27 August 2008*)

Reports presented

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

Review of the Defence annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE**To 14 May 2009—****Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

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

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*)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Farrell, Forshaw, Kroger and Ludlam

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(a), 22 June 2006; readopted 14 February 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members

Senator Trood (*Chair*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Ferguson, Forshaw, Kroger and Ludlam

Participating members

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

Current inquiry

Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (*referred 24 June 2008; interim report presented 27 May 2009; final reporting date: 21 August 2009*)

Report presented

Inquiry into the major economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—Interim report (*presented to the President on 27 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee

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

(appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008 and 16 June 2009; 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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

House—Standing Committee*Members*

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

Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee

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

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

Members

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

Participating members

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

Report presented

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

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Coonan, Forshaw, Marshall and McGauran and Mr 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*)

Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, AAA, IAA, IMU, JeM and LeJ as terrorist organisations (*tabled 15 June 2009*)

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

*To 14 May 2009—***Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)
- Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2009*)
- Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2009*)
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 13 May 2009*) and corrigendum (*presented to the President on 1 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Barnett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Feeney, Fisher, Ludlam and Marshall

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, Farrell, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Report presented

* AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009 (*tabled 18 June 2009*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Barnett (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Feeney, Fisher, Ludlam and Trood

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, 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*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

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

Men's Health—Select Committee

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

(appointed 13 November 2008; final report tabled 29 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, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Trood and Wortley

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

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

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

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

Current inquiry

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

Reports 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*)

Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention—Second report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia (*tabled 15 June 2009*)

National Broadband Network—Select Committee

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

(appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008, 12 March and 14 May 2009; final reporting date: 23 November 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

Reports presented

Interim report (*tabled 2 December 2008*) and correction (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

Another fork in the road to national broadband—Second interim report (*tabled 12 May 2009*)

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*)

Reports 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*)

Inquiry into the immigration bridge proposal (*presented to the President on 29 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

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

Privileges—Standing Committee

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

Members

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

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

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

Procedure—Standing Committee

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

Members

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

Current inquiry

Review of the operation of the order of the Senate agreed to 13 May 2009 relating to committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims (*referred 13 May 2009; reporting date: 20 August 2009*)

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

Publications—Standing Committee

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

Members

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

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

3rd report (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

4th report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

5th report (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

6th report (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

7th report (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

8th report (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

9th report (*tabled 19 March 2009*)

10th report (*tabled 14 May 2009*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Biannual public hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation (*adopted 12 March 2008*)

Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the 'Guidelines on Campaign Advertising' (*adopted 15 October 2008*)

Review of the Australian National Audit Office's report *Defence Material Organisation major projects report 2007-08* (Audit report no. 9 of 2008-09) (*adopted 12 November 2008*)

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 documents presented

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

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2009-10 (*tabled 13 May 2009*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Senator Troeth (*Vice-Chairman*), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, 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*)

Referral made February 2009: Redevelopment of RAAF Base Edinburgh, Adelaide, South Australia (Second report of 2009) (*presented to the President on 26 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 19 March 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting dates varied 12 February and 15 June 2009; reporting dates: 25 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

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

To 14 May 2009—

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

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

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); tabled 12 May 2009*)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios

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

Members

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

Participating members

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

Report presented

Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 14 May 2009; reporting date: 15 June 2009*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Members

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

Substitute members

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

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Milne

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, 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: 11 August 2009*)

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (*referred 27 August 2008; report on matters specified in part (1) presented 10 October 2008; interim report for matters specified in part (2) presented 22 May 2009; final reporting date: 25 June 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; interim report presented 22 May 2009; final reporting date: 25 June 2009*)

Public passenger transport in Australia (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 20 August 2009*)

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (*referred 16 June 2009; reporting date: 30 August 2009*)

Reports presented

Implementations for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Interim report [matters specified in part (2)] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 22 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

Import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 22 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)

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*)
- No. 5 of 2009 (*tabled 13 May 2009*)
- No. 6 of 2009 (*presented to the President on 2 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)
- No. 7 of 2009 (*tabled 17 June 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*)
 Fourth report of 2009 (*tabled 13 May 2009*)
 Fifth report of 2009 (*presented to the President on 2 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009*)
 Sixth report of 2009 (*tabled 17 June 2009*)

Document presented

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

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

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

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, The Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip, and Senators Adams, Bushby, 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*)
 Report no. 5 of 2009 (*presented 14 May 2009*)
 Report no. 6 of 2009 (*presented to the President on 1 June 2009, pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2009; tabled 15 June 2009*)
 Report no. 7 of 2009 (*presented to the President on 4 June 2009, pursuant to resolution of 14 May 2009; tabled 15 June 2009*)

Report no. 8 of 2009 (*presented 17 June 2009*)

* Report no. 9 of 2009 (*presented 18 June 2009*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

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

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Forshaw (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators 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*)

State Government Financial Management—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008; reporting date varied 12 March, 20 March, 27 August and 17 September 2008; final report tabled 18 September 2008*)

Members

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

Participating members

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

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

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

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), Senator McGauran (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, Ludlam, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Briggs, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, 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*)

Report 101—Treaties tabled on 3 February 2009 (*tabled 16 June 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*).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

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

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