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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 19 August 2009

- 1 **Senators Boswell and Macdonald:** To move—That the Proclamation dated 14 May 2009 [Coral Sea Conservation Zone], made under subsection 390D(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* declaring an area to be a conservation zone, be disallowed. [F2009L01796]

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

Notice given 26 October 2009

- 2 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and report by 24 November 2009:

The practices and procedures of Australia Post over the past 3 years in relation to the treatment of injured and ill workers, including but not limited to:

- (a) allegations that injured staff have been forced back to work in inappropriate duties before they have recovered from workplace injuries;
- (b) the desirability of salary bonus policies that reward managers based on lost time injury management and the actions of managers to achieve bonus targets;
- (c) the commercial arrangements that exist between Australia Post and InjuryNet and the quality of the service provided by the organisation;
- (d) allegations of compensation delegates using fitness for duty assessments from facility nominated doctors to justify refusal of compensation claims and whether the practice is in breach of the *Privacy Act 1988* and Comcare policies;
- (e) allegations that Australia Post has no legal authority to demand medical assessments of injured workers when they are clearly workers' compensation matters;
- (f) the frequency of referrals to InjuryNet doctors and the policies and circumstances behind the practices; and
- (g) any related matters.

Notice given 27 October 2009

- *3 **Senator Cormann, Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) and Senator Xenophon:** To move—That items 42698, 42701, 42702 and 42718 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2009, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 272 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed. [F2009L03329]

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

- *4 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 31 March 2010:
- (a) a reconsideration of the committee's findings in relation to Australia's Mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance Scheme, in light of:
 - (i) the 2008 Federal Ombudsman's report that demonstrated that last resort home warranty insurance is the worst performing insurance in the nation,
 - (ii) the Essential Services Commission's review of the Victorian Domestic Insurance Scheme which demonstrates that there is virtually no benefit to anyone other than the insurers and their brokers of this insurance product,
 - (iii) evidence to these inquiries which demonstrate that the Senate's conclusions were based on information now shown to be wrong, including the fact that the Senate estimated that less than 10 per cent of builders provided securities whereas 44 per cent of those in Victoria have done so since 2002,
 - (iv) the lack of competition in the market which is now down to three insurers, and
 - (v) the questionable legality of the deeds of indemnity, bank guarantees and securities demanded by insurers as a condition of eligibility for warranty insurance;
 - (b) any reforms which may lead to appropriate consumer and builder protection and improved housing affordability; and
 - (c) any related matters.

Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 Threat Abatement Plan—Motion for disallowance

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Threat Abatement Plan for disease in natural ecosystems caused by *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (2009), made under section 279 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, be disallowed [F2009L02168] (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 16 September 2009*).

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 26 October 2009

- 1 **Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens):** To move—That, in accordance with section 10B(2) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, the Senate approves the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Determination 2009 made under section 10B(1) of the Act on 9 October 2009.

Notice given 27 October 2009

- *2 **Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the Senate notes that the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 proposes legislative reforms to enhance competitive outcomes in the telecommunications industry and strengthen consumer safeguards, and is independent of the Government's new National Broadband Network legislation, and is therefore exempt from the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009 relating to the consideration of that legislation.

Orders of the Day

- *1 **Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2009**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)—That this bill be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Cormann—At the end of the motion, add “and further consideration of the bill be an order of the day for 3 sitting days after the Government has tabled a response to all of the recommendations of the report of the National Preventative Health Taskforce”—(Senator Siewert, in continuation, 27 October 2009).

- 2 **AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*19 March 2009*).
- 3 **Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 26 October 2009*).
- 4 **Higher Education Support Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 September 2009*).
- 5 **Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 September 2009*).

- 6 **Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009**—
(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 26 October 2009*).
- 7 **Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 9 September 2009*).
- 8 **Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009**
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 9 September 2009*).
- 9 **National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 June 2009*).
- 10 **Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009**—(*Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 17 August 2009*).
- 11 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 March 2009*).
- 12 **Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 June 2009*).
- 13 **Personal Property Securities Bill 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 September 2009*).
- 14 **Long Service Leave Legislation Amendment (Telstra) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 26 October 2009*).
- 15 **Statute Stocktake (Regulatory and Other Laws) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 26 October 2009*).
- 16 **Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 17 **Aviation Transport Security Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**—
(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 9 September 2009*).

- 18 **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*).
- 19 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008**
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 361 from the House of Representatives (*22 June 2009*).

Notices of Motion—continued

Notice given 26 October 2009

- 3 **Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) in response to the orders of the Senate of 4 February and 13 May 2009 for the production of documents relating to the National Broadband Network tender process, has provided certain documents;
 - (b) acknowledges that the Minister has provided to the Senate a statement setting out the basis for claims of public interest immunity for the remaining documents; and
 - (c) resolves that consideration of any bills relating to the Government's 'new national broadband network' be in accordance with the Senate's standing orders and any subsequent orders of the Senate.

Orders of the Day—continued

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

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

- 1 Economics References Committee—Interim report—Government's economic stimulus initiatives**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Interim report—Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009 [Provisions]**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 3 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Report—Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Final report—Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009 [Provisions]**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 5 Economics References Committee—Interim report—GROCERYchoice website**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 6 Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee—Report: A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report: Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Government response**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- *8 Economics Legislation Committee—Final report—Government's economic stimulus initiatives**
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Eggleston)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Williams, 27 October 2009*).

9 Economics References Committee—Report—Government measures to address confidence concerns in the financial sector – The Financial Claims Scheme and the Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

10 Economics References Committee—Report—Bank mergers

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

11 Economics References Committee—Report—Foreign investment by state-owned entities

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Eggleston)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Eggleston, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

12 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 106—Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McGauran—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 5 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Protection of residential aged care accommodation bonds—Department of Health and Ageing

Consideration (*17 September 2009*).

2 Auditor-General—Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2008-09

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 6 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Confidentiality in Government contracts: Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (calendar year 2008 compliance)

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 7 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Administration of grants by the National Health and Medical Research Council

Consideration (*26 October 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 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 26 October 2009

589 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the financial plight of Tasmanian logging contractors, who have endured frequent cuts to timber quotas and shutdowns of mills and chippers; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to help the Tasmanian Government:
 - (i) fund a financial exit package of a minimum of \$20 million that allows those contractors facing financial ruin to leave the industry with dignity,
 - (ii) assess fair compensation for those contractors leaving the industry,
 - (iii) recover from Gunns Limited and Forestry Tasmania the total cost of the compensation package by the imposition of a levy on all future woodchip sales, and
 - (iv) conserve an areas equivalent to the total contracted volumes of wood from those contractors who exit the industry.

591 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to put in place interim measures to regulate the rate of poker machine losses. *Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009*.

Notice of motion altered on 26 October 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 27 October 2009

*596 **Senator Fisher:** To move—That—

- (a) when the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider additional estimates in 2010:
 - (i) the committee further examine Fair Work Australia, and
 - (ii) the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions; and
- (b) on each subsequent occasion on which the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee meets to consider estimates in relation to Fair Work Australia, the President of Fair Work Australia appear before the committee to answer questions.

*597 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate agrees with a recent European Union resolution on Sri Lanka, that:

- (a) deplores the fact that approximately 250 000 Tamil civilians are still held in camps, contrary to undertakings given by the Colombo Government, and calls on the Government to return them to their homes and give humanitarian organisations free access to the camps to provide necessary humanitarian assistance;
- (b) Tamil leaders must commit themselves to a political settlement and renounce terrorism and violence once and for all;
- (c) the Government must respect human rights in the conduct of trials of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam members;
- (d) the Sri Lankan Government must cease its repression of the media in the name of its anti-terrorist legislation, which must be overhauled, and press freedom must be recognised; and

- (e) the Sri Lankan Government must put more effort into clearing minefields, which are a serious obstacle to reconstruction and economic recovery, and must comply with the Ottawa Treaty (Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction).

*598 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Renewable Energy Target Scheme allows renewable energy certificates to be generated from the installation of solar hot water and heat pumps, even though these are energy efficiency measures and not renewable energy generators,
 - (ii) this, as predicted by the industry and the Australia Greens, has collapsed the price, and
 - (iii) many hundreds of jobs are at risk in the coming months, unless the problem is fixed; and
- (b) calls on the Government to immediately reintroduce Renewable Energy Electricity legislation to address the problem by making the credits from these technologies additional to the renewable energy target.

*599 **Senator Stephens:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that 28 October 2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Goulburn congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, the first Mother House in regional Australia;
- (b) acknowledges the contribution of the Sisters of Mercy to the development of education, nursing, pastoral care and care for the aged and disadvantaged in Australia; and
- (c) congratulates the inspirational women of the Goulburn congregation on their colourful history and involvement in shaping the history of the region.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Outlook report 2009

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

2 Health—National Preventative Health Taskforce—Order for production of document—Document

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 17 September 2009*).

3 Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2009

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

4 Airservices Australia—Corporate plan 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2014

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

- 5 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales—Eden region—Report on implementation for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).
- 6 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales—North East region—Report on implementation for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).
- 7 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales—Southern region—Report on implementation for 2004-05**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).
- 8 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of New South Wales—Southern region—Report on implementation for 2005-06**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).
- 9 **Electoral reform: Strengthening Australia's democracy—Green paper by the Special Minister of State, dated September 2009**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- 10 **Department of Finance and Deregulation—Campaign advertising by Australian government departments and agencies—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- 11 **NBN Co Limited—Report for the period 9 April to 30 June 2009**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- 12 **Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *13 **Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *14 **National Water Commission—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *15 **Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 March to 30 June 2009**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).

- *16 **National Transport Commission—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *17 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *18 **Director of National Parks—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *19 **Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *20 **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *21 **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Boyce—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *22 **Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *23 **Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *24 **Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2008-09, including State of the Wet Tropics report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *25 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2008-09**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).
- *26 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC)—Statement of corporate intent 2009-10**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 27 October 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*).

- 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).
- 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*).
- 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*).

- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 88 **Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludlam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 23 June 2009*).
- 91 **120th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (4-10 April 2009) and a bilateral visit to Switzerland (11-18 April 2009)—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Troeth—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Troeth, in continuation, 24 June 2009*).
- 93 **Indigenous Australians—Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scullion—That the Senate notes the failure of the Rudd Labor Government to construct a single new house in remote Northern Territory Indigenous communities due to its mismanagement of the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 13 August 2009*).
- 95 **Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 20 August 2009*).
- 96 **Economics—Australian economy**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate notes the Rudd Labor Government's reckless spending (*20 August 2009*).
- 97 **Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Ludlam*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 7 September 2009*).

98 Parliament—Inquiry into the framework for referenda in Australia—Ministerial statement

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 10 September 2009*).

99 Family and Community Services—Aged care challenges

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) Australia has an ageing population, which will cause a significant increase in demand for aged care services over the coming decades, including aged care facilities,
- (ii) the Federal Government has direct responsibility for the provision of aged care, while the states have responsibility for a range of matters, including the provision of education,
- (iii) the Rudd Government has failed to do anything to tackle the capital funding crisis in the aged care sector,
- (iv) the Rudd Government's reckless and irresponsible inaction, if left unaddressed, means that the current crisis in aged care will only get worse into the future, and
- (v) the Rudd Government has wasted significant sums of money on the poorly-designed and poorly-implemented Building the Education Revolution program, while failing to tackle the significant challenges faced by the aged care sector;

(b) is very concerned that the failure of the Rudd Government to act and address the significant challenges ahead in aged care means that elderly Australians will not be able to get access to affordable, high-quality aged care places in the future; and

(c) calls on the Government to take decisive action forthwith to address the significant challenges facing aged care (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 10 September 2009*).

100 Geothermal and Other Renewable Energy (Emerging Technologies) Amendment Bill 2009 (No. 2)—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Minchin)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 16 September 2009*).

101 Renewable Energy (Certificates and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Cash)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Cash, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

102 Renewable Energy (Food Processing Activities) Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Boswell)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Boswell, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

103 Britt Laphorne Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

- 105 **Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- 106 **Environment—Commonwealth’s preparations for this bushfire season—Ministerial statement**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Back, in continuation, 26 October 2009*).
- *107 **Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 27 October 2009*).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (29 October 2009)

Business of the Senate—Orders 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.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 3 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**
Report to be presented on the oversight of the child care industry.
- 4 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**
Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.

Government Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 13 August 2009

- 1 **Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong):** To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services to install additional CCTV cameras in the parliamentary precinct.

On 30 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**
Report to be presented on access to justice.

Two sitting days after today (16 November 2009)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 26 October 2009

- 1 **Senator Abetz:** To move—That Schedule 2 of the Fair Work Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 164 and made under the *Fair Work Act 2009*, be disallowed. [F2009L02567]
Fourteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 16 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**
 Report to be presented on the welfare of international students.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
 Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**
 Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 4 **Economics References Committee**
 Final report to be presented on the GROCERYchoice website.

Government Business—Order of the Day

- *1 **Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009—**
(Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 27 October 2009*).

General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 12 August 2009

- 508 **Senator Humphries:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the June 2009 report of the Community Affairs References Committee, *Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports*;
 - (b) notes, in particular, recommendation 1 of the report, which recommends ‘that the Commonwealth government issue a formal acknowledgement and expression of regret to former child migrants in accordance with recommendation 30 of the *Lost Innocents* report; and that this statement be issued in conjunction with, or as a part of, a broader Commonwealth

apology to people who experienced abuse and/or neglect in institutional or out-of-home care as children' and recommendation 2 which recommends 'that the Commonwealth government issue a formal statement of acknowledgement and apology to children who suffered hurt and distress, or abuse and assault, in institutional care, in accordance with recommendation 1 of the *Forgotten Australians* report'; and

- (c) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) to personally make the expression of regret and apology called for by the Community Affairs Committee.

Notice given 19 August 2009

- 527 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to place a moratorium on the issuing and reactivation of water licences, and for related purposes. *Water Licence Moratorium Bill 2009.*

On 18 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

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

On 19 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**

Report to be presented on the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin.

General Business—Order of the Day

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*).

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.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 27 October 2009

***595 Senator Moore:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) applauds the Government's increase of total health funding in the foreign aid budget and an increase in spending to maternal, newborn and child health and acknowledges that this is much needed when in our region, including South Asia, 200 000 mothers and 3.2 million children are dying every year from preventable causes;
- (b) notes that:
 - (i) Australia still requires an increase in total health funding in the foreign aid budget to progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 and 5 by 2015,
 - (ii) MDG 4, to reduce child mortality by two-thirds, and MDG 5, to reduce maternal mortality by three-quarters, have made the slowest progress of all the MDGs and are off-track to being achieved by 2015,
 - (iii) MDG 5 has made virtually no progress globally and has reversed in most of sub-Saharan Africa in the past 20 years and it is the only MDG not making progress of any significance, and
 - (iv) the health MDGs are achievable but require increased effort and greater cooperation from all developing and developed countries, given that evidence indicates that successful proven, cost-effective strategies exist that can reduce child deaths by at least 60 per cent and maternal deaths by 75 per cent, saving the lives of 240 000 children and 26 000 mothers in our immediate region each year;
- (c) acknowledges the importance of the Australian Government increasing its support for health systems in the Asia-Pacific region and in Africa (through coordinated mechanisms including the international Health Partnership) to ensure that adequate, coordinated, long-term and predictable donor resources are available to support effective basic and reproductive health plans and systems in each developing country in our region;
- (d) recognises that greater focus must be placed on training health professionals and midwives to ensure significant reductions in newborn, child and maternal mortality and that system strengthening must also be ensured to provide incentives for staff to remain in country and in areas of need; and
- (e) recognises that an increase in Australian support for maternal and child health related spending is required to support the provision of basic health services and strengthened health systems and that this will demonstrate Australia's leadership and commitment to ending the preventable deaths of children and mothers globally.

Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 27 October 2009.

On 24 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Orders of the Day

92 **Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—**
(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 25 June 2009*).

89 **Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—**
(*Leader of The Nationals in the Senate, Senator Joyce, and Senator Xenophon*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Joyce, in continuation, 24 June 2009*).

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—Orders of the Day

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

Third report to be presented.

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 **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.

4 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

5 Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

Report to be presented on the incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia.

General Business—Orders of the Day

90 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 24 June 2009*).

94 Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown, and Leader of The Nationals in the Senate, Senator Joyce)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 20 August 2009*).

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 29 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee

Report to be presented on sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources.

On 30 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

Report to be presented on import restrictions on beef.

On 11 December 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

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

On 18 December 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

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

Thirteen sitting days after today (22 February 2010)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 26 October 2009

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the National Health Security (SSBA Standards) Amendment Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under subsection 35(1) of the *National Health Security Act 2007*, be disallowed. [F2009L02633]

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

On 23 February 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Legislation Committees**

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

On the last sitting day in February 2010 (25 February 2010)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on hearing health in Australia.

On 26 February 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's administration and management of the Torres Strait.

On 28 February 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on the Australian dairy industry.

On 10 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

104 **Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 17 September 2009*).

On the tenth sitting day of 2010 (11 March 2010)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2009.

On 30 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Fourth report to be presented.

2 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

On the last sitting day in April 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on suicide in Australia.

On 22 June 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

*1 **Legislation Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2010-11 Budget estimates.

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.

On the next day of sitting after the presentation of documents relating to the National Broadband Network tender process (order of the Senate of 13 May 2009)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Network Information) Bill 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 September 2009*).
- 2 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 26 October 2009*).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 28 October 2009*).

Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009*).

Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: 29 October 2009*).

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date varied 17 September 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009*).

Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]‡

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*referred 20 August 2009; reporting date: 19 November 2009*).

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 20 August 2009; reporting date: 16 October 2009*).

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*).

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*).

Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009 ‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date: 10 March 2010*).

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date varied 17 September 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009*).

Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009‡

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 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

Further details concerning bills which have been laid aside or negatived may be found in the document *Bills laid aside or negatived, their history and status as possibly meeting the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution [42nd Parliament]* published on the Senate StatsNet site at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/work/statistics/consid_legis/triggers.htm

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.

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

Second reading negatived, 13 August 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.

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

Second reading negatived, 9 September 2009.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009

Third reading negatived, 18 August 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.

Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 25 June 2009.

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.

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 15 September 2009.

Private senators' bills**Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bill)**

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—(Senate bill)

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 11 November 2008.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 944 to 2366 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 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*)

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

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

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 12 May 2009

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.

1513 Minister representing the Treasurer

1526 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1533 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 22 September 2009*)

1534 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Assistant Treasurer on 19 May 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 22 September 2009*)

1541 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 22 September 2009*)

Notice given 29 May 2009

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.

1621 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- 1628 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1633 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1637 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1638 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women

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.
- 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
 - 1667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
 - 1677 Minister for Employment Participation
 - 1682 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2009*)

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.

- 1704 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1706 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1716 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

Notice given 16 June 2009

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.

- 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
- 1793 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1796 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1799 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1800 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1801 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 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*)
- 1814 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 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*)
- 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.

Notice given 2 July 2009

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1873-1909)—

- (1) (a) Since November 2007, what is the total number of: (i) completed, and (ii) ongoing, consultancies in the portfolio/agency; and (b) for each consultancy: (i) who is the consultant, (ii) what is the subject matter, (iii) what are the terms of reference, (iv) what is its duration, (v) what will it cost, and (vi) what is the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc.).
- (2) Can copies be provided of all the completed consultancies.
- (3) (a) How many consultancies are planned or budgeted for: (i) 2009, and (ii) 2010; (b) have these been published in the Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website; if not, why not; and (c) in each case, what is the: (i) subject matter, (ii) duration, (iii) cost, (iv) method of procurement, and (v) name of the consultant if known.

1897 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1910-1946)—

- (1) With reference to ministerial staff and departmental liaison officers for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, since November 2007: (a) how many positions exist; (b) how many staff are employed; (c) how many vacancies exist; (d) what are the levels of these positions; and (e) what is the total cost of staff employed in these respective offices on an annual basis.
- (2) Can a breakdown be provided of how many laptops, mobile phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs) the department provides to the office of each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary.
- (3) Are any departmental officers on secondment to the office of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary; if so: (a) how many; and (b) to whom.
- (4) (a) How much did the department spend on hospitality for the: (i) 2008 calendar year, and (ii) 2008-09 financial year; and (b) can details be provided of each hospitality event, including the: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.
- (5) For the office of each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary: (a) what was the total amount spent on hospitality for the: (i) 2008 calendar year, and (ii) 2008-09 financial year; and (b) can details be provided of each hospitality event, including the: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.
- (6) For the 2008-09 financial year, how much has the department spent on: (a) the hire of plants, either real or artificial; (b) the maintenance of these plants; (c) water coolers; and (d) television subscriptions.
- (7) How many government credit cards does the department currently have on issue.
- (8) (a) How many credit cards have been reported lost; and (b) in relation to the credit cards that have been reported lost: (i) how many have been cancelled, (ii) how many remain active, and (iii) what is the potential credit liability from the lost cards that remain active.

1911 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009*)

1912 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

- 1913 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009*)
- 1919 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1920 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1922 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1925 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1927 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1935 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1936 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1937 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1938 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 3 July 2009*)
- 1939 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 1940 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1942 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009*)
- 1943 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009*)
- 1944 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009*)
- 1946 Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009*)

Notice given 21 July 2009

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1957-1993)—For the department, each agency of the department and the offices of each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the 2008-09 financial year, how much was spent on: (a) bottled water; (b) bulk water; (c) cooler rental; (d) cooler hire; and (e) water delivery.

- 1967 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1973 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1982 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1983 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1986 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1994-2030)—

- (1) Has the Minister undertaken any media training since 24 November 2007; if so: (a) when; (b) who was the provider; and (c) what was the total cost.

- (2) Have any of the Minister's staff undertaken any media training since 24 November 2007; if so: (a) who, including their *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* classification; (b) when; (c) who was the provider; and (d) what was the total cost.

- 1995 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 23 July 2009*)
- 1996 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1997 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 2007 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2009 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 2010 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 2011 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2016 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2021 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2027 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2030 Minister for Employment Participation

Notice given 27 July 2009

2038 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) How many meetings in 2009 has the department, the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff, had with each of the following companies:
- (a) International Power Australia Pty Ltd (owners of Hazelwood Power and Loy Yang B power stations);
 - (b) Great Energy Alliance Corporation or its shareholders;
 - (c) AGL Energy Limited;
 - (d) Tokyo Electric Power Company;
 - (e) Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund;
 - (f) Motor Trades Association of Australia Superannuation Fund;
 - (g) Westscheme;
 - (h) Statewide superannuation fund (owners of Loy Yang A power station); and
 - (i) TRUenergy or its parent company CLP Power Asia (owner of Yallourn power station).
- (2) How many telephone conversations, emails or letters have been exchanged in 2009 between each of the companies or their lobbyists listed in (1) above and the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff.
- (3) Given that many of the companies listed in (1) above have participated in previous government climate change programs and have benefited from in-kind or financial assistance from this participation:
- (a) approximately how much financial and in-kind assistance have these companies received; and
 - (b) what kind of assistance has been provided.

2039 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) How many meetings in 2009 has the department, the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff, had with each of the following:
 - (a) companies or their industry representatives or lobbyists:
 - (i) Rio Tinto,
 - (ii) Alcoa of Australia Limited,
 - (iii) BlueScope Steel Limited,
 - (iv) BHP Billiton,
 - (v) BP,
 - (vi) Royal Dutch Shell plc,
 - (vii) Chevron Corporation,
 - (viii) Exxon Mobil,
 - (ix) Woodside Energy,
 - (x) Caltex Australia,
 - (xi) Anglo Coal Australia Pty Ltd, and
 - (xii) Adelaide Brighton Ltd; and
 - (b) industry associations:
 - (i) the Australian Industry Group,
 - (ii) the Australian Coal Association,
 - (iii) the Business Council of Australia,
 - (iv) the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
 - (v) the National Generators Forum,
 - (vi) the Energy Supply Association of Australia,
 - (vii) the Australian Pipeline Industry Association,
 - (viii) the Australian Aluminium Council,
 - (ix) the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association,
 - (x) the Cement Industry Federation,
 - (xi) the Minerals Council of Australia, and
 - (xii) the National Farmers' Federation.
- (2) How many telephone conversations, emails or letters have been exchanged in 2009 between each of the companies, industry associations or their representatives listed in (1) above and the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff.
- (3) Given that many of the companies and industry associations listed in (1) above have participated in previous government climate change programs and have benefited from in-kind or financial assistance from this participation:
 - (a) approximately how much financial and in-kind assistance have these companies received; and
 - (b) what kind of assistance has been provided.

Notice given 13 August 2009

2104 **Senator Colbeck:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) What data sources has the department presented, or will it present, to the Government for consideration in relation to setting allocative baselines for ammonia and urea production.
- (2) Has the department included, or will it include, international emissions data for ammonia and urea in the advice for consideration by the Government; if so, did it, or will it, include emissions data for all feedstocks used internationally or just natural gas production of ammonia and urea; if so, why.

Notice given 17 August 2009

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2107-2108)—

- (1) For each of the following financial years: 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08: (a) what was the budget for all programs, including but not limited to Natural Heritage Trust grants, the National Landcare Program, Environmental Stewardship and the Working on Country Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program, subsequently incorporated into the 'Caring for our Country' package; and (b) how much was expended on all programs subsequently incorporated into the 'Caring for our Country' program within Western Australia.
- (2) Can a breakdown be provided of budgets and expenditure, by state and territory, for (1)(a) and (1)(b) above.
- (3) For the 2008-09 financial year, what was the actual expenditure by state and territory under 'Caring for our Country'.
- (4) For the 2009-10 financial year, what is the budgeted expenditure by state and territory under 'Caring for our Country'.

2108 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Notice given 21 August 2009

2110 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to a meeting on Wednesday, 29 April 2009, with Senator Bob Brown, the Prime Minister offered to involve and credit the Australian Greens (the Greens) in the Government's future announcements and promotions in relation to the projects under the Jobs Fund scheme which were part of the package negotiated by the Greens in the economic stimulus package:

- (1) Which of the projects announcements or promotions to date: (a) have been funded wholly or in part; and (b) have not been funded, through the economic stimulus package negotiated by the Greens, for example, \$360 million of the \$650 million fund.
- (2) Of the announced projects to date, how many of those which received funding through the negotiations have involved the Greens in the announcement or credited the Greens with negotiating this funding.

Notice given 3 September 2009

2114 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) Has the department sponsored any individual to visit Australia, for example, by providing flights or accommodation, or reimbursement for flights, accommodation, expenses, appearance fees or speaking fees, in 2008 and/or 2009; if so: (a) who was sponsored; (b) what was the purpose of the sponsorship; (c) what was the: (i) total, and (ii) itemised, costs; and (d) what engagements did the individual attend during their visit.
- (2) Has the department sponsored, met or reimbursed the costs associated with any speaking engagements of any individual (other than the Minister or a permanent employee of the department) on any portfolio-related topic in 2008 and/or 2009; if so: (a) who was sponsored; (b) when; (c) for what purpose; and (d) what was the: (i) total, and (ii) itemised costs, for each arrangement.

Notice given 8 September 2009

2123 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to Mr Richard Woolcott's role as Special Envoy:

- (1) Can details be provided on: (a) total salary paid to date; (b) number of days worked to date; (c) total mobile phone and BlackBerry bill to date; and (d) total allowances paid to date.
- (2) Is Mr Woolcott provided with: (a) a vehicle; if so, what is the make and model; and (b) staff; if so, how many and what is their Australian Public Service classification.
- (3) Can details be provided of all international travel since his appointment, including: (a) the location; (b) the date; (c) the number of accompanying departmental employees; (d) meetings held, including details of who attended the meetings; (e) whether Mr Woolcott made use of the posts' accommodation and if not, the hotels he used; and (f) the total cost of each trip, itemised by: (i) airfares, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) other costs.
- (3) Does Mr Woolcott have access to an entertainment/hospitality budget; if so, can details be provided of how much has been expended since his appointment.
- (4) How many hours have been expended by Australian posts in catering for Mr Woolcott's visits.
- (5) What costs (in dollar terms) have been incurred by Australian posts in catering for Mr Woolcott's visits.
- (6) Has Mr Woolcott provided any written briefings to the Minister; if so, how many and how many pages long is each briefing.
- (7) Has Mr Woolcott provided any written briefings to the Prime Minister; if so, how many and how many pages long is each briefing.

Notice given 10 September 2009

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2128-2164)—For the 2008-09 financial year:

- (1) Did the Minister have any ministerial letterhead produced using the funds or resources of his or her home department; if so: (a) how many sheets of letterhead were produced; and (b) what was the cost of the production of the letterhead.
- (2) What was the total postage cost of mailings conducted by the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary using their departmental-funded franking machine.
- (3) (a) What was the total cost, including production and distribution, of all direct mail pieces produced by the department, including as part of a government communications campaign, where the Minister or Prime Minister was the nominal author of the piece; and (b) can an itemised list be provided of: (i) production costs, and (ii) distribution costs.

- 2128 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 2129 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 11 September 2009*)
- 2130 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2131 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 2132 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2133 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2134 Minister for Defence
- 2135 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2136 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2137 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2138 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2139 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 2140 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 2141 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2142 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 2143 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 2144 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 2145 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2146 Special Minister of State
- 2147 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2148 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 2149 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2150 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2151 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 2152 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

- 2153 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2154 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2155 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2156 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 14 September 2009*)
- 2157 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 2158 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2159 Assistant Treasurer
- 2160 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 14 September 2009*)
- 2161 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2162 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 14 September 2009*)
- 2163 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 11 September 2009*)
- 2164 Minister for Employment Participation

Notice given 14 September 2009

Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2165-2201)—With reference to resources provided to the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary by their home department that are above and beyond their entitlements as senators and members:

- (1) For the 2008-09 financial year: (a) can a list be provided of each brand and model of colour printer that was provided for the office of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) what was the total cost of: (i) printer cartridges and/or toner, and (ii) servicing these printers.
- (2) For the 2008-09 financial year, what was the total value of photocopy paper received in the office of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary.
- (3) For the 2008-09 financial year, what was the value of other office consumables received in the office of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary.
- (4) For the 2008-09 financial year, can a list be provided of all departmental publications, excluding ordinary or mail-merged letters, which contained the name and/or photograph of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary, including: (a) the cost of producing each of these publications; and (b) how many copies were distributed and to what category of persons they were distributed to.
- (5) Does the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary have a departmentally-funded and maintained website/webpage; if so: (a) what was the cost of developing the website of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary; (b) was the site refreshed during the 2008-09 financial year and if so, what was the cost for refreshing the site; and (c) what resources does the department provided to maintain, update and upload the content for the site.

- (6) Does the department distribute the media releases for the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary; if so: (a) how and to whom; and (b) for the 2008-09 financial year, what was the cost for this distribution.

- 2165 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 2166 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 September 2009*)
- 2167 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2168 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 2169 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2170 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2171 Minister for Defence
- 2172 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2173 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2174 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2175 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2176 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 2177 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 2178 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2179 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 2180 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 2181 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 2182 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2183 Special Minister of State
- 2184 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2185 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 2186 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2187 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2188 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 2189 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2190 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2191 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2192 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2193 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 September 2009*)
- 2194 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 2195 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2196 Assistant Treasurer

- 2197 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 September 2009*)
- 2198 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2199 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 September 2009*)
- 2200 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 15 September 2009*)
- 2201 Minister for Employment Participation

Notice given 15 September 2009

- 2205 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to the Australian National Audit Office audit report no. 53 of 2006-07, *Australian Federal Police overseas operations*: (a) what action has been taken to comply with recommendations nos 1 to 6; (b) what additional costs will be involved in implementing each recommendation; and (c) was any additional funding sought in subsequent budgets for any additional costs to be incurred in implementing each recommendation; if so, how much.
- 2207 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 22 September 2009*)—With reference to the Australian Government's Primary Health Care Access Program (the program):
- (1) How many Aboriginal communities in each state and territory currently receive funding under the program.
 - (2) What specific health services are provided to Aboriginal communities under the program.
 - (3) What initiatives has the program established to empower Aboriginal communities to assume greater responsibility for their personal health and wellbeing.
 - (4) (a) How much funding was/has been allocated to the program in the following financial years: (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09, and (iii) 2009-10; and (b) was/is there a need to seek additional funding in each of these years for any additional costs incurred in implementing the program; if so, how much.
- 2210 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to Medicare's bulk-billing facility:
- (1) How many medical centres in each state and territory provided bulk-billing services for each of the following financial years: (a) 2007-08; (b) 2008-09; and (c) 2009-10.
 - (2) What initiatives are in place to improve the shortage of bulk-billing medical centres in each state and territory.
 - (3) (a) What incentives does the Government have in place to encourage and support general practitioners to bulk-bill; and (b) how much funding has been allocated to these incentives for each of the following financial years: (i) 2007-08, (ii) 2008-09, and (iii) 2009-10.

2212 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2046 (Senate *Hansard*, 9 September 2009, p. 108), concerning the geographical location of employees of certain government agencies: how many staff are located at each location and what is their Australian Public Service classification.

2213 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) (a) What is the value of the Government's equity injection into NBN Co Limited (NBN Co); (b) when did this transfer occur; and (c) in which account were the funds held before the transfer.
- (2) Who approved the equity injection.
- (3) Did the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and/or the Treasurer, approve of the equity injection.
- (4) When was approval sought by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Treasurer.
- (5) When was approval provided by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Treasurer.
- (6) What approval processes are required of NBN Co and its Chief Executive Officer in hiring or engaging staff.
- (7) Has NBN Co engaged a recruitment firm to assist in recruitment; if so: (a) what is the name of the recruitment firm; (b) what is the value of the contract; and (c) what is the length of the contract.
- (8) For the 2009-10 financial year, how many full-time equivalent employees have been budgeted for employment with NBN Co.
- (9) Are the employees of NBN Co employed under the terms of the *Public Service Act 1999*; if so, what are the Australian Public Service classifications of those engaged and budgeted for; if not, what award conditions are the employees engaged under.
- (10) (a) How many full-time, part-time and/or part-time equivalent employees have been engaged by NBN Co; (b) what is the pay level for each of these employee positions; and (c) what is the length of the contract/employment period for each employee engaged in these positions.
- (11) What clauses are incorporated in the employment terms upon ceasing employment with NBN Co.
- (12) Has NBN Co met with any members of the union movement to discuss employment terms and conditions.
- (13) (a) How many consultants have been engaged by NBN Co; (b) what is the cost, duration and purpose of these consultancies; and (c) who has been engaged to conduct the consultancies.

Notice given 16 September 2009

2215 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to the planned upgrade of Kooyong Road to Tonkin Highway section of the Great Eastern Highway in Western Australia:

- (1) How much funding was allocated to the project for the 2008-09 financial year.

- (2) How much funding is allocated to the project for the 2009-10 financial year.
- (3) Was there a need to seek additional funding for any additional costs incurred in the 2008-09 financial year; if so, how much.
- (4) (a) When is the project due to be completed; and (b) are there any barriers to completing the project; if so, what is each barrier and what is its impact on the project.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2216-2252)—

- (1) Does the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary have a departmentally maintained website or websites; if so, can a list of these websites be provided.
- (2) Can a list be provided of all redevelopments (including re-skins) of these websites since 24 November 2007, including: (a) the total cost for each redevelopment; (b) who undertook each redevelopment; and (c) whether the website, or draft versions thereof, were market-tested before going live; if so, by whom and what was the total cost of the market testing.
- (3) Does the department: (a) post all of the Minister's and/or Parliamentary Secretary's press releases, speeches and transcripts on these websites; and (b) have any guidelines for the posting of political material on these websites.
- (4) Has the department ever refused to post material on these websites due to their political nature; if so, on how many occasions.

2217 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 17 September 2009*)

2218 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

2219 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

2220 Minister representing the Treasurer

2221 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

2222 Minister for Defence

2223 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2224 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2225 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

2226 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

2227 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

2228 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

2229 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

2231 Minister for Climate Change and Water

2232 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

2233 Minister representing the Attorney-General

2234 Special Minister of State

2235 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2236 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

- 2237 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2238 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2239 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 2240 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2241 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2242 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2243 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2244 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 17 September 2009*)
- 2245 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 2246 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2247 Assistant Treasurer
- 2248 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 17 September 2009*)
- 2249 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2250 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 17 September 2009*)
- 2251 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 17 September 2009*)
- 2252 Minister for Employment Participation

Notice given 17 September 2009

- 2255 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—(a) Can a list be provided of all projects under the Nation Building Program; and (b) for each of these projects, can a breakdown be provided of the cost estimates and budget allocations for the following financial years: (i) 2008-09, (ii) 2009-10, (iii) 2010-11, (iv) 2011-12, (v) 2012-13, and (vi) 2013-14.
- 2256 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 23 September 2009*)—Have the heads of treasuries of the states and territories reported to the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations (the ministerial council) concerning the expenditure and output benchmarks for additional Commonwealth funding:
 - (a) if so: (i) to what extent has each state and territory met the benchmarks reported at B3 of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreement of 5 February 2009, and (ii) how has the ministerial council made the assessment that the benchmarks have been met; and
 - (b) if not, to what extent has the Commonwealth imposed sanctions under B8 of the COAG agreement of 5 February 2009.

2261 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—In regard to the listing of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) as a terrorist organisation:

- (1) Which countries have listed the LTTE as a terrorist organisation.
- (2) Has the Government decided to proscribe the LTTE as a terrorist organisation in Australia; if so, what are the reasons; if not, why not.
- (3) Has there been any intelligence assessment for LTTE; if so: (a) on what date did it start; (b) on what date did it conclude; (c) on what date was it provided to: (i) the Attorney-General, and (ii) the Prime Minister; (d) what was its nature and what recommendation did it make; and (e) what was the level of threat.
- (4) Has any Australian intelligence or security agency recommended that LTTE be proscribed; if so, by which agency and on what date.

2264 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) For what purpose did the Minister attend the Non-Aligned Movement Summit (the summit) in Egypt on 15 July and 16 July 2009.
- (2) How many staff and officials attended the summit with the Minister.
- (3) How many staff and officials travelled with the Minister to (a) Malta; and (b) Hungary.
- (4) Which hotels did the Minister, and any staff or officials accompanying the Minister, stay at in the following countries: (a) Egypt; (b) Malta; and (c) Hungary.
- (5) What was the total cost to the Government for the attendance of all staff and officials accompanying the Minister.
- (6) What was the total cost to the Government of the trip, including the Minister's travel to Malta and Hungary.
- (7) What are the names, titles and nationalities of the people with whom the Minister met while on this trip, including: (a) the dates of the meetings; (b) the locations; and (c) what was discussed.
- (8) Was Australia's bid for a temporary seat at the United Nations Security Council discussed at any meetings; if so, what were: (a) the names of the attendees; and (b) the dates and locations of these meetings.
- (9) Did the Minister meet any representatives from the People's Republic of China at the summit; if so, what were: (a) the names of the representatives; and (b) the date and location of these meetings.
- (10) Did the Minister request anything from Chinese officials regarding Mr Stern Hu; if so, what.
- (11) Were any undertakings given by any Chinese officials regarding Mr Hu; if so, what were they.
- (12) Are all of Australia's rights under the Agreement on Consular Relations between Australia and the People's Republic of China (effective from 15 September 2000) being respected; if not: (a) which rights are not being respected; and (b) has the Government raised this with China.

2267 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) What is the Government's position in relation to Israeli settlement construction activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.
- (2) Has the Government expressed its view to: (a) the United States of America (US); (b) Israel; and (c) the Palestinian authority, in response to the US President Barack Obama's call for a halt to all construction; if so, what was expressed.

2270 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) How many people are currently detained at the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (IDC).
- (2) How close to maximum capacity is the IDC.
- (3) For the period 1 March to 14 September 2009: (a) how many detainees at the IDC were released into the Australian community; (b) did any health checks of detainees detect any serious illnesses; (c) what was the cost of medical care; (d) how many detainees at the IDC were transferred to the Australian mainland; and (e) what proportion of detainees: (i) are being held in detention, and (ii) have been or will be released into the community.
- (4) For the period 1 August 2008 to March to 14 September 2009: (a) how many people were apprehended and detained at the IDC, and (b) of these: (i) what proportion have been granted permanent protection visas and what was the average processing time from receipt of application to the decision, and (ii) what proportion have been granted some other form of residence visa and what was the average processing time from receipt of application to the decision.

2277 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) With reference to the removal of payphones throughout rural and regional Tasmania over the course of 2009: (a) is Telstra meeting its requirements as Australia's only universal service provider of these payphones; and (b) can an overview be provided of Telstra's obligations to provide these payphones.
- (2) How many payphones were in Tasmania on: (a) 30 June 2007; and (b) 30 June 2008.
- (3) How many payphones will be in Tasmania on: (a) 30 June 2010; and (b) 30 June 2011.
- (4) For the period 30 June 2009 to 30 June 2010, can a list be provided of the locations where payphones will: (a) be removed; and (b) remain.
- (5) Can details be provided on: (a) the current number of payphones in Tasmania; and (b) the number of payphones in Tasmania as at January 2009.

2279 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—With reference to general business notice of motion no. 130 given by Senators Barnett and McGauran and agreed to on 24 June 2009 (*Senate Journals*, p. 594-5):

- (1) Can an update be provided on the status of the proposals to recognise the contribution of the Papua New Guinean nationals affectionately known as 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' who saved the lives of many Australians during the Kokoda Campaign in the Second World War.
- (2) Given that a medal in recognition of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels wartime contribution was announced by the Australian Government in 2009: (a) how many medals have been awarded to date; and (b) how many are likely to be awarded by 30 June 2010.
- (3) What funding has been paid, and is expected to be paid by 30 June 2010, along the Kokoda Track.
- (4) Can a status update be provided on the other recommendations in the motion, namely to:
 - (iii) consider any other appropriate initiatives including making a small ex-gratia payment to each Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel in recognition of their contribution over and above the call of duty, and
 - (iv) examine and, where appropriate, fund initiatives to upgrade the health and education status of the PNG people in the isolated villages along the Kokoda Track.'

2280 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the National Broadband Network (NBN) rollout in Tasmania:

- (1) What is the estimated monthly cost for household access to broadband under the new NBN
- (2) (a) How much of the rollout cost is being paid for by: (i) the Federal Government, and (ii) the Tasmanian Government; and (b) for each, what is its proportion and cost to date.
- (3) (a) What has been the total cost of the rollout to date; (b) what is the projected total cost of the rollout; and (c) can a breakdown be provided of these costs, specifically, the legal costs associated with the NBN in Tasmania.
- (4) (a) What has been the total cost to date spent on consultancies associated with the NBN in Tasmania; and (b) can a breakdown of the cost of each consultancy be provided.
- (5) (a) What parts of Tasmania will have access to the NBN; (b) what is the estimated time frame for these areas to receive access; and (c) which areas will not have access.
- (6) Of the \$43 billion cost of the national rollout, how much has been allocated for the rollout in Tasmania.
- (7) Was a feasibility study conducted on the merits of the NBN in Tasmania; if so, can a copy be provided.

- (8) Is there a report on the current status of the NBN rollout in Tasmania; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (9) Have any studies been conducted on the uptake of the NBN in Tasmania; if so: (a) what were the results of these studies; and (b) can a copy of each study be provided.
- (10) Has the Tasmanian Government provided a submission/report to the Federal Government in relation to the NBN in Tasmania; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (11) Were any other stakeholders invited to make a submission/report to the Federal Government regarding the NBN in Tasmania; if so: (a) who was invited; and (b) can copies of these submissions/reports be provided.
- (12) How can the Federal Government guarantee both commercial viability and affordable prices in Tasmania.
- (13) (a) What assets does the Tasmanian NBN own; (b) how many employees does it employ; and (c) how many consultants has it contracted.

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2282-2283)—

- (1) Can details be provided of all programs which were funded, all or in part, by the Federal Government that are designed to benefit Indigenous Australians.
- (2) (a) How much has been spent by the Federal Government on Indigenous Australians for the 2008-09 financial year; and (b) how much is budgeted for the 2009-10 financial year.

2282 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on 29 September 2009*)

2283 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2284-2320)—

- (1) What is the number, cost and routes of all Prime Ministerial and ministerial jet services since November 2007.
- (2) Have ministerial staff, other political staff or anyone else other than jet service personnel, travelled on such jet services unaccompanied by the Prime Minister or Minister; if so, can details of these occurrences be provided.
- (3) What are the rules or protocols applicable to the use of ministerial travel, including travel by the Prime Minister.

2284 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

2285 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

2286 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

2287 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

2288 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

2289 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

- 2290 Minister for Defence
- 2291 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2292 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2293 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2294 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2295 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2296 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2297 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2298 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2299 Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2300 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2301 Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2302 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2303 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2304 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2305 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2306 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2307 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2308 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2309 Minister representing the Minister for Housing (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2310 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2311 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

- 2312 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 21 September 2009; further transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2313 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2314 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2315 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2316 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 September 2009; further transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2317 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2318 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 September 2009; further transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)
- 2319 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 21 September 2009*)
- 2320 Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 22 September 2009*)

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2321-2357)—

- (1) How much has the department and relevant agencies spent on legal advice for the 2008-09 financial year.
- (2) How much was spent on: (a) internal; and (b) external, legal advice.
- (3) What was the nature, duration, cost and method of procurement and the name of the lawyers or law firm that provided the legal advice.

- 2321 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 2325 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2326 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2327 Minister for Defence
- 2328 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2329 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2331 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2332 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 2333 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 2334 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2335 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 2336 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 2337 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 2338 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2339 Special Minister of State

- 2340 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2341 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 2342 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2343 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2344 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 21 September 2009*)
- 2345 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2346 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2347 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2348 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2350 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 21 September 2009*)
- 2351 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2352 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 21 September 2009*)
- 2356 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 21 September 2009*)

Notice given 18 September 2009

- 2359 **Senator Fierravanti-Wells:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) Can a list be provided of all visa categories and sub-categories and the corresponding departmental output under which they are administered.
 - (2) For each financial year since 2006-07, can a breakdown be provided by class and subclass for each of the following: (a) the number of visa applications received; (b) the number of approvals; and (c) the average processing time of these applications.
 - (3) For each month since January 2007 and for immigration detention and other facilities on Christmas Island, what was: (a) the total capacity of the facility; and (b) the number of persons detained.
 - (4) (a) What is the total number of unauthorised boat arrivals since November 2007; and (b) how many of these unauthorised boat arrivals were: (i) sent to offshore immigration/community detention facilities for processing, and (ii) taken to mainland Australia before mandatory health and security checks have been undertaken.

Notice given 25 September 2009

- 2361 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—
- (1) Are departments or statutory authorities of the Queensland Government exempt from laws governing land clearing in that state.
 - (2) If a listed ecological community or known habitat of a vulnerable or endangered species is cleared by a Queensland government agency, what action is available to the Federal Government to protect that habitat.

- (3) Is the Minister aware of community concerns about the proposed clearing of 1 400 trees in known koala habitat on the Cathedral Drive section of the New England Highway, north of Toowoomba in Queensland.

2363 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Is the department and the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) considering extending facilities to companies involved in the Papua New Guinea (PNG) liquefied natural gas (LNG) project; if so: (a) what is the country of incorporation for each project partner or participant; and (b) is the main project sponsor registered in the Bahamas.
- (2) Are applicants required to provide action plans pursuant to the International Finance Corporation Performance Standards before EFIC and the Government can extend an EFIC facility; if so: (a) will action plans be available for public comment; and (b) has Esso Highlands Limited, Santos and Oil Search provided EFIC with the required action plans.
- (3) Will EFIC respond to public submissions on potential EFIC supported projects before it provides/extends EFIC facilities; if not, does this comply with Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 'Common Approaches on the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits'.
- (4) Is the department and EFIC aware of concerns that Transparency International has expressed about the PNG LNG benefits sharing agreement; if so, will this affect their approach to the project.

2364 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) provided political risk insurance to Australian Solomons Gold Limited (ASG); if so: (a) on what date was it offered; and (b) was it under the EFIC commercial account or the national interest account (can a breakdown be provided).
- (2) What agencies provided advice in relation to offering political risk insurance to ASG for its Gold Ridge Mine project.
- (3) Did EFIC receive submissions as part of its public consultation process on the Gold Ridge Mine project; if so, how many and when were they responded to.
- (4) (a) Did EFIC respond or provide feedback to submitters before approving the political risk insurance; if not, why not; and (b) is it EFIC's policy to respond to submitters.

2365 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has Australian Solomons Gold Limited provided the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) with all the action plans required under the eight International Finance Corporation Performance Standards which EFIC uses to benchmark facility applicant projects; if so: (a) which action plans were provided; and (b) will these be made public.
- (2) (a) Can EFIC support or extend a facility to applicants who have not provided all the required actions plans; and (b) can the Minister support a request for a facility under the National Interest Account to applicants who have not provided all the required action plans.

2366 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Was any information provided to the Minister or to the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) in relation to the propriety or validity of landholder agreements signed by communities impacted by the Australian Solomons Gold Limited (ASG) Gold Ridge Mine (the mine).
- (2) Does the Minister or EFIC have documentary evidence that communities which have signed contractual agreements with ASG did so with free and informed consent.
- (3) Does EFIC have documentation that highlights concerns about the probity of landholder agreements; if so, was this considered in the decision to extend political risk insurance to ASG.
- (4) How does the ASG relocation strategy for communities impacted by the mine differ from the strategy that led to conflict in 2000 when the mine was abandoned.

Notice given 30 September 2009

2367 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) (a) For each financial year since the last published figures in 2004-05, how many cases have been referred to the War Crimes Screening Unit (WCSU); and (b) of those cases referred, how many individuals were refused citizenship or a visa on suspicion of having committed war crimes.
- (2) Upon refusal of an application does the department notify the relevant state authorities in which the individual resides.
- (3) Does the Minister have plans to improve reporting of results of border screening by the WCSU.
- (4) (a) How many visas have been refused or cancelled in the past 10 years based on Article 1F of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, that provides that an asylum seeker can be denied protection on the basis there are serious reasons for considering an individual has committed a 'crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity'; (b) how many of these decisions have been upheld by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT); and (c) of those cases upheld by the AAT, have all these individuals been removed from Australia; if not: (i) how many of these individuals remain in Australia, (ii) for how long have they remained in Australia since the AAT decision, and (iii) what action is the department taking in regard to these individuals.
- (5) For the past 10 years: (a) how many suspected war criminals have been extradited from Australia; and (b) on how many occasions has Australia rejected an extradition application from another country for a suspected war criminal.
- (6) For what reasons has Australia rejected applications for extradition from other states other than for the lack of prima facie evidence.
- (7) How many times in the past 10 years has a person's visa been revoked for suspicion of having committed a war crime, crimes against humanity or genocide.

- (8) (a) Does the department provide any specialised training to staff who conduct visa and refugee interviews to assist them in screening for potential war criminals; and (b) if training is provided, is it offered to all staff that process refugee and visa claims; if not, which staff receive the training.
- (9) How many requests has Australia made annually to the following international courts and tribunals to check their databases for information on an individual applying for a visa or citizenship: (a) the International Criminal Court; (b) the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; (c) the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; and (d) the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

2368 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) With reference to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America, regarding the sharing of information on suspected war criminals, how many requests has Australia made to these countries on particular individuals since the MoU was signed.
- (2) What proactive measures has the Australian Federal Police (AFP) taken in the past 12 months to search for, and identify, individuals in Australia that are suspected of committing war crimes, as provided for under the Geneva Convention.
- (3) What are the AFP's guidelines on investigating war crimes committed prior to 2002.
- (4) Does the AFP investigate potential war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide that were committed prior to 2002 in internal conflicts, or only international conflicts.
- (5) Does the AFP investigate Australian citizens and residents only or does it also investigate those who are visiting Australia.
- (6) Does the AFP provide specialised training for staff that investigate war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide; if so: (a) what training is offered; (b) is the training offered to all members of the Economic and Special Operations portfolio; and (c) how many staff have undergone this training in the past 10 years.
- (7) (a) What other issues does the Economic and Special Operations portfolio investigate in addition to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide; (b) how many staff are dedicated to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide at any one time; (c) what proportion of its resources are dedicated to investigating war crimes suspects; and (d) what is the average length of time an AFP officer remains in the Economic and Special Operations portfolio.
- (8) (a) In the past 10 years, how many individuals have been investigated by the AFP for war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide; (b) how did these individuals come to the attention of the AFP; and (c) how many of these investigations were referred to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).
- (9) Has the AFP pursued any other remedies besides referral to the DPP; if so, what were they and on how many occasions.
- (10) Has the AFP ever investigated allegations that Mr Daniel Snedden was involved in war crimes; if so, when did these investigations commence.

- (11) Is the AFP currently investigating Mr Snedden following the recent decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia to allow his appeal against extradition.
- (12) If sufficient evidence for potential war crime charges is found in the investigation into the deaths of the ‘Balibo Five’ in East Timor in 1975, on what legislative basis will the AFP proceed.
- (13) Since coming to power, what steps has the Government taken to close any loopholes that allow war criminals to enter or reside in Australia without fear of prosecution.
- (14) (a) Is the Attorney-General considering amending current laws so that war crimes committed in internal conflicts prior to 2002 may be punishable in Australia; if not, why not; and (b) is the Government prepared to extend the date that these offences became crimes in Australia to 1948 and 1949, when the country ratified the Geneva Convention in order to ensure that there is no immunity for war criminals in Australia; if not, why not.

Notice given 6 October 2009

- 2369 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Does the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* require there to be a Queensland lungfish recovery plan; if so: (a) where is this plan; (b) can a copy of the plan be provided; and (c) if there is no plan, why.
- 2370 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—Since 12 August 2009: (a) how much money has been expended on the Pulp and Paper Industry Strategy Group; and (b) of that amount, how much was spent on: (i) salaries and allowances for each executive (please identify), (ii) allowances for each of the group’s members (please identify), (iii) salaries and allowances of each staff member (please identify), and (iv) other costs.

Notice given 16 October 2009

- 2371 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to Australia’s aid to Sri Lanka mentioned in the Government’s ministerial statement on Sri Lanka tabled on 14 September 2009 (*Senate Journals*, p. 2466):
- (1) Which non-government organisations received the \$1 million in funding for de-mining.
 - (2) (a) Will the additional \$1 million provided by Australia to the International Organization for Migration be spent on de-mining directly or will it subcontract these operations; and (b) if the operations are subcontracted, which organisations will be carrying out the de-mining.
 - (3) How can the Government be sure that the money it is providing for de-mining will be used for land to resettle people in the internally-displaced person camps and not for land to be sold by the Sri Lankan Government for development.

Notice given 21 October 2009

- 2372 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—(a) What representations of any kind has Australia made to Mongolia regarding mining and the taxation of mining (please detail); and (b) when and by whom were these representations made.
- 2373 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Can details be provided, including dates, of financial, diplomatic or other assistance that has been given, or is being given, by the Australian Government to: (a) the Mongolian Government; (b) World Growth Mongolia; (c) Ivanhoe Mines Ltd; (d) Rio Tinto Limited; and (e) the Oyu Tolgoi mining project in Mongolia.
- 2374 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) Does Ambassador Alan Oxley hold any government appointments; if so: (a) what are the positions; and (b) how much is he paid.
 - (2) Is it standard practice: (a) for people to continue to refer to themselves as ambassador after they have left any position giving them that title; and (b) to use the ambassador title as an honorific if they have not served as an ambassador in an Australian embassy in another country.
- 2375 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—
- (1) Will the Minister require a referral under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the proposed high voltage power line between Dumaresq and Lismore.
 - (2) Will the Minister require the proponent of the line to show why it is needed.
 - (3) Will the Minister take into account alternatives to centralized coal-fired electricity generation when making any federal decision about the line.
- 2376 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the \$9 million in funding for the Forest Industries Development Fund:
- (1) What evidence of financial hardship did businesses have to demonstrate to be eligible for a grant.
 - (2) In past industry assistance programs of this kind, did the department follow-up grant recipients to ensure the money was spent as intended.
 - (3) (a) How many grant recipients in past industry assistance programs have since closed shop; and (b) does the department know how long after receiving a grant that each failed.
 - (4) Does the department have plans to track the business progress of the grant recipients in this program to ensure funding is being well targeted.
- 2377 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) What action has the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) taken to remediate its contamination of Warrill Creek in Queensland.

- (2) How did this contamination occur.
- (3) (a) What has/will the clean-up cost; and (b) what fine or fines has the RAAF paid for contaminating the creek.
- (4) What steps have been taken at the base to ensure that this does not occur again.
- (5) Have there been any health complaints from local residents or defence force personnel that could have resulted from exposure to the heavy metals the RAAF released into the creek; if so, what action has the RAAF taken to help these people.

Notice given 26 October 2009

2378 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
With reference to comments made by Dr David Cullen during the 2009-10 Budget estimates hearings of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, that the average earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization for efficient aged care providers for high care beds is 10 per cent (Committee *Hansard*, 4 June 2009, CA 54):

- (1) Does the department stand by the statement that the evidence from the General Purpose Financial Returns for 2006-07 indicates a 10 per cent return on investment for both mixed care facilities and for high care beds.
- (2) Given that this information was derived from the 2006-07 General Purpose Accounts data and is based on the financial performance of the providers in the top quartile, how has the department accounted for the following outliers in the data as released on the department's website (serial no.): 55, 97, 109, 202, 226, 297, 324, 394, 435, 439, 443, 495, 513, 551, 781, 844, 885, 898, 1008 and 1022.
- (3) Were all of the above aged care providers contacted by the department to check the data before it was used in analysis put forward as evidence to a number of Senate committees and before it was uploaded to the department's website; if not, why not.
- (4) What would the average profit margin be if the above outliers were not included in the top quartile results.

2379 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) With reference to the management of Australia Post delivery contractors:
(a) what mandatory quality assurance and performance evaluation provisions are in place for contractors; and (b) how frequently are each of these evaluations undertaken.
- (2) (a) How frequently are individual delivery contracts for Australia Post reviewed; and (b) what is the threshold for determining the loss of a contract due to non-compliance with delivery agreements and standards of behaviour.

- (3) Is the Minister aware of: (a) repeated complaints regarding the failure to deliver unaddressed mail by Australia Post contractors in many areas of Tasmania; and (b) such complaints coming specifically from the Exeter delivery area in Tasmania, pertaining to the failure to deliver unaddressed mail, magazine and other subscriptions, and the failure or late delivery of addressed mail on a regular basis.
- (4) Can the Minister: (a) give an undertaking that Australia Post will enforce its contracts and quality standards for contractors in Tasmania; and (b) guarantee the reliable and consistent delivery of unaddressed mail in Tasmania.

2380 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 August 2009 (*Senate Journals*, p. 2336), requiring that certain documents relating to national ‘de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers’ be laid on the table, by no later than 12 pm on 20 August 2009, and the following comments made by the Minister for Ageing (Ms Elliot), regarding reports by KPMG and Access Economics on the 2006-07 data, ‘The Minister has also advised me that it is not in the public interest to release the reports by Access Economics and KPMG on this data as these reports were commissioned as part of the review of the Conditional Adjustments Payment primarily to inform the Cabinet’s consideration of the 2009-10 Budget’:

- (1) On what date were the Access Economics and KPMG reports commissioned.
- (2) On what date was the Conditional Adjustment Payment review announced.
- (3) What communication exists to show that the reports were commissioned as part of Cabinet deliberations.

2381 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 August 2009 (*Senate Journals*, p. 2336), requiring that certain documents relating to national ‘de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers’ be laid on the table, by no later than 12 pm on 20 August 2009, and the following comments provided by the Minister for Ageing (Ms Elliot), tabled on 20 August 2009, ‘With respect to the 2005-06 audited General Purpose Financial Reports of aged care providers, the Minister has advised me that the financial reports were of such poor quality that it is not in the public interest to release the de-identified data that was derived from these accounts as such data would be misleading and not contribute to the understanding of the issue’:

- (1) When did the Minister or the department determine that the information was of ‘poor quality’.
- (2) Has the Minister, her office or the department relied on information from the 2005-06 audited General Purpose Financial Reports of aged care providers in any decisions affecting the aged care sector; if so, can details be provided of these decisions.
- (3) Has information derived from the 2005-06 audited General Purpose Financial Reports of aged care providers ever: (a) appeared in any departmental publication, website, letter, bulletin, or other written material; and (b) been used by departmental officials or the Minister in answering questions at any Budget estimates hearings or other parliamentary inquiry.

2382 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) With reference to the order of the Senate agreed to on 19 August 2009 (Senate *Journals*, p. 2336), requiring that certain documents relating to national ‘de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers’ be laid on the table, by no later than 12 pm on 20 August 2009, and the following comments provided by the Minister for Ageing (Ms Elliot), ‘With respect to the 2007-08 audited General Purpose Financial Reports of aged care providers, the Minister has advised me that the de-identified database for these reports is not complete as a number of aged care providers have been given extensions to the reporting deadline in accordance with the provisions of the governing legislation’: How many extensions have been granted for the 2007-08 data and for how long has each extension been granted.
- (2) Given that Mr Andrew Stuart, First Assistant Secretary of the Ageing and Aged Care Division of the department, stated at the inquiry of the Finance and Public Administration Committee into residential and community aged care in Australia on 21 April 2009 (Committee *Hansard*, F&PA2) that ‘The general purpose financial reports that the department receives from all aged-care providers show a general improvement in financial importance to 2007-08. By contrast, the Grant Thornton survey alone shows a deterioration in the financial performance in the 2007-08 financial year, and the department again would note its concerns with the representativeness of the Grant Thornton survey sample, which we have been unable to obtain for verification despite requests’:
 - (a) why are departmental officials relying on incomplete data;
 - (b) has the Minister, her office, or the department relied on the incomplete 2007-08 data to assist in any other decision making; if so, what decision or decisions were taken with reference to the incomplete data; and
 - (c) is there an inconsistency in the department criticising the representativeness of the Grant Thornton survey whilst relying on data from an incomplete audit process.

2383 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the increasing prevalence of joint venture companies offering medical and diagnostic imaging services which are owned, or part owned, by medical specialists providing referrals to those same companies:

- (1) Is it correct that the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists has made complaints to the department about these practices; if so, what action was taken by the department as a result of these complaints.
- (2) Is the department currently investigating these practices; if so: (a) when are these investigations likely to conclude; and (b) when are the results of these investigations likely to be made public.
- (3) Is the department investigating specific shareholding arrangements where shareholding is linked to the volume, value and type of referrals.
- (4) Is there any evidence of over-servicing in these joint venture arrangements.
- (5) Is the current legislation effectively encouraging over-servicing by allowing these joint venture arrangements to go ahead.

- (6) Is the department aware of evidence from the United States of America which indicates that up to 7 per cent more tests occurred when these types of arrangements existed.
- (7) Unless this issue is addressed effectively, is there a further risk of this kind of over-servicing expanding with the introduction of the cardiac computed tomography rebate in December 2009.
- (8) What health risks are associated with over-servicing of medical and diagnostic imaging.

Notice given 27 October 2009

*2384 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) How many delegates from Screen Australia were present at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival in France (the festival).
- (2) What was the length of time spent by each delegate: (a) at the festival; and (b) on any ancillary trips attached to the festival.
- (3) (a) What was the total amount spent on attending the festival including staff wage costs, per diems, accommodation, travel, meals, event hosting, cost of the stall and any other associated costs; and (b) what were the comparative costs for the Australian Film Commission and the Film Finance Corporation in previous years.

*2385 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) Has the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) price crashed due to a large volume of RECs flooding in from the solar hot water rebate or for heat pumps; if not, why has the RECs price crashed.
 - (2) For each month since July 2008, for what activity have RECs been issued.
 - (3) What impact have the so-called phantom credits from the Solar Credits scheme, which artificially multiplies the RECs by five, had.
 - (4) (a) Is the Government concerned by the price crash of RECs; and (b) what options is it considering in response to the price crash.
 - (5) (a) When the Solar Credits scheme was announced in December 2008, what was the assumption price for RECs that enabled the Government to say that people were to receive 'an upfront capital cost subsidy worth around \$7,500'; and (b) what is the price now.
 - (6) In December 2008, how much would a person in Melbourne purchasing a 1 kilowatt system have received under the RECs scheme.
 - (7) (a) How much would a person in Melbourne purchasing a 1 kilowatt system receive with a RECs price of \$25; and (b) how does that compare with the previous system.
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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 a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 28 October 2009, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into financial products and services in Australia.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

***3 Economics References Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Economics References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 28 October 2009, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the GROCERYchoice website.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

***4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—
 Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 28 October 2009, from 11 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

***5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Authorisation to
 meet**

That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 29 October 2009, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

6 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.)

***7 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—
 Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate as follows:

(a) on Wednesday, 28 October 2009 from 12.30 pm to 2 pm; and

(b) on Thursday, 29 October 2009 from 10 am to noon.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

8 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.)

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

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 11.45 am to 1.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of Auditor-General’s reports, on Wednesday, 28 October, Wednesday, 18 November and Wednesday, 25 November 2009.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

Estimates***10 2009-10 Additional estimates—2010-11 Budget estimates—Hearings**

- (1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2010 be scheduled as follows:

2009-10 additional estimates:

Monday, 8 February and Tuesday, 9 February 2010, and, if required, Friday, 12 February 2010 (*Group A*)

Wednesday, 10 February and Thursday, 11 February 2010, and, if required, Friday, 12 February 2010 (*Group B*).

2010-11 Budget estimates:

Monday, 24 May to Thursday, 27 May 2010, and, if required, Friday, 28 May 2010 (*Group A*)

Monday, 31 May to Thursday, 3 June 2010, and, if required, Friday, 4 June 2010 (*Group B*)

Monday, 18 October and Tuesday, 19 October 2010 (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)

Wednesday, 20 October and Thursday, 21 October 2010 (*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, 23 February 2010 in respect of the 2009-10 additional estimates; and
 - (b) Tuesday, 22 June 2010 in respect of the 2010-11 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

11 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.)

12 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.

13 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.

14 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.

15 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.

16 2009-10 Supplementary Budget estimates—Answers to questions

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

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Friday, 11 December 2009
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 4 December 2009
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Friday, 11 December 2009
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Friday, 11 December 2009

Group B:

Community Affairs	Friday, 11 December 2009
Economics	Friday, 11 December 2009
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 11 December 2009
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Friday, 11 December 2009

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

Meeting of Senate**17 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.)

***18 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2010 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 2 February to Thursday, 4 February

Monday, 22 February to Thursday, 25 February

Tuesday, 9 March to Thursday, 11 March

Monday, 15 March to Thursday, 18 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 11 May to Thursday, 13 May

Winter sittings:

Tuesday, 15 June to Thursday, 17 June

Monday, 21 June to Thursday, 24 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 24 August to Thursday, 26 August

Monday, 30 August to Thursday, 2 September

Monday, 20 September to Thursday, 23 September

Tuesday, 28 September to Thursday, 30 September

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 25 October to Thursday, 28 October

Monday, 15 November to Thursday, 18 November

Monday, 22 November to Thursday, 25 November.

(Agreed to 27 October 2009.)

Orders for production of documents

19 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.)

20 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.)

21 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.)

22 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; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

23 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.)

24 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.)

25 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; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

26 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; documents presented 26 October 2009.)

27 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; documents tabled 22 June and 11 August 2009.)

28 Economics—Productivity Commission—Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Order for production of documents

- (1) That the Senate calls on the Government to make a reference to the Productivity Commission requiring modelling of alternative emissions trading schemes including:
 - (a) a conventional baseline-and-credit scheme;
 - (b) an intensity model;
 - (c) a carbon tax;
 - (d) a consumption-based carbon tax; and
 - (e) the McKibbin model;
 with a view to determining which scheme design (including the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) and schemes with higher targets) provides the best environmental and economic outcomes.
- (2) That the Productivity Commission's report on modelling under paragraph (1) be laid on the table by 6 August 2009 to inform the debate on the CPRS bills.
- (3) That there be laid on the table by 6 August 2009 all documents held by the Productivity Commission relating to the design and economic impacts of the Government's CPRS.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 25 June 2009; documents presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

29 Health—Chemotherapy treatment—Budget cuts—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the government announced during Senate question time on 12 August 2009 that it remains committed to its \$100 million budget cut to chemotherapy treatment,
 - (ii) the government repeated its assertion that it only wants to fund the ‘actual quantity’ of chemotherapy medicines that are delivered to cancer patients,
 - (iii) chemotherapy drugs are delivered in standard vial sizes, while different cancer patients, with different body weights and different physiological requirements will need different dosages of a particular life saving chemotherapy drug,
 - (iv) at times a portion of an opened vial will be left unused,
 - (v) consistent with Therapeutic Goods Administration requirements any unused portion of an opened vial containing those dangerous chemotherapy drugs has to be discarded and will not be able to be used for any other patient,
 - (vi) unless there is a change in vial sizes, no change in government funding arrangements will be able to remove that inefficiency and somebody will have to pay for the \$100 million budget cut,
 - (vii) this chemotherapy budget cut was part of both the 2008/09 and 2009/10 budgets with an original implementation date of 1 July 2009, deferred to 1 September 2009, and
 - (viii) the government still has not been able to come up with a sensible way to implement this ill-considered budget cut;
- (b) is concerned about the potential impact of this budget cut on cancer patients and considers that the ongoing uncertainty surrounding this measure has led to unnecessary concerns for cancer patients, their families and health care professionals involved in the preparation and use of chemotherapy drugs;
- (c) calls on the government to end the ongoing uncertainty as soon as possible; and
- (d) 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 19 August, copies of:
 - (i) all advice from the Department of Health and Ageing to the Minister for Health and Ageing in relation to the budget measures set out above from 13 May 2008 until 17 August 2009,
 - (ii) any modeling conducted within government in the lead up to the announcements of these budget measures and any subsequent modeling undertaken by the government since 13 May 2008,
 - (iii) all correspondence between the Minister and/or her Department with State and Territory governments in relation to these budget measures from 13 May 2008 to 17 August 2009,
 - (iv) all correspondence between the Minister and stakeholders regarding these budget measures from 13 May 2008 to 17 August 2009, and

- (v) all correspondence between Department and stakeholders regarding these budget measures from 13 May 2008 to 17 August 2009.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 18 August 2009; statement by leave made 19 August 2009; documents presented 21 September, 24 September and 16 October 2009 and tabled 26 October 2009.)

30 Health—Aged care providers—General Purpose Accounts—Order for production of documents

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:

- (i) the Department of Health and Ageing has been collecting audited General Purpose Accounts from aged care providers since the 2004-05 financial year,
 - (ii) this information has to be submitted by aged care providers as a condition of receiving Conditional Adjustment Payments (CAP),
 - (iii) national de-identified comparative data from those accounts was expected to be made available every financial year to assist in performance benchmarking and in industry planning and investment decisions,
 - (iv) only the 2004-05 data was made available to the aged care industry (Bentleys MRI report), and
 - (v) subsequently, even though the information has been collected and analysed (in 2005-06 by Grant Thornton, in 2006-07 by Access Economics and KPMG) these reports, and any subsequent analysis, do not appear to have been made publicly available;
- (b) considers publication of the national de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts 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 20 August 2009, the following documents:

National de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers for:

- 2005-06, including report/analysis by Grant Thornton,
- 2006-07, including report/analysis by Access Economics and KPMG,
- 2007-08, including any report/analysis by the department and/or any third party consultant, and
- 2008-09, including any report/analysis by the department and/or any third party consultant.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 19 August 2009; document tabled 20 August 2009; document presented 21 September 2009 and tabled 26 October 2009.)

31 Environment—Australian forest cover—Maps—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 26 October 2009, a map of Australian forest cover using the Kyoto definition of 'forest' for each year since 1990, at the highest available resolution, in any widely used GIS format.

(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 16 September 2009; document tabled 26 October 2009.)

32 Finance—Future Fund—Telstra shares—Order for production of documents

- (1) That there be laid on the table, no later than 16 November 2009, a report by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on its oversight of the disposal by the Future Fund of shares in Telstra during the past 12 months, including the following matters:
 - (a) whether the Future Fund had any information which was not generally available and could be expected to have a material effect on the price or value of Telstra shares; and
 - (b) other related matters.
- (2) That there be laid on the table, no later than 16 November 2009, a report by the Future Fund Board of Guardians on the disposal by the Future Fund of shares in Telstra during the past 12 months, including the following matters:
 - (a) whether the Future Fund had any information which was not generally available and could be expected to have a material effect on the price or value of Telstra shares; and
 - (b) other related matters.

(Motion of the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) agreed to 26 October 2009.)

***33 Environment—Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Climate Change and Water, no later than noon on 29 October 2009, a copy of a letter to the Victorian Minister for Water (Mr Holding) relating to funding approval for stage 2 of the Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project, referred to by Senator Wong in an answer to a question from Senator Wortley during the supplementary budget estimates hearings of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee on 20 October 2009 (ECA *Hansard*, p.128).

(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 27 October 2009.)

***34 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Frontier Economics report—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than 4 November 2009, any modelling or analysis commissioned by the Department of the Treasury and/or the Department of Climate Change and all documents prepared by the Department of the Treasury in relation to the August 2009 Frontier Economics report, *The economic impact of the CPRS and modifications to the CPRS*.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 27 October 2009.)

Question time**35 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.

Legislation

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009

- 5 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move (contingent on any order of the day being read for the consideration of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that further consideration of the bill be made an order of the day for five sitting days after the government response to the National Broadband Network Implementation Study is laid on the table.

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
- 6** 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.
- 7** 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.
- 8** 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

9 **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.

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 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

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 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

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 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

- 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 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

- 14 **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

Standing Committees

- **Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References committees)**
 - Community Affairs
 - Economics
 - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - Environment, Communications and the Arts
 - Finance and Public Administration
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- **Legislative Scrutiny**
 - Regulations and Ordinances
 - Scrutiny of Bills
- **Standing (Domestic)**
 - Appropriations and Staffing
 - House
 - Library
 - Privileges
 - Procedure
 - Publications
 - Selection of Bills
 - Senators' Interests

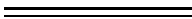
Select Committees

- Agricultural and Related Industries
- Climate Policy (final report—15 June 2009)
- Fuel and Energy
- Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
- Men's Health (final report—29 May 2009)
- National Broadband Network
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
- State Government Financial Management (final report—18 September 2008)

Joint Committees

- **Standing**
 - Electoral Matters
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Migration
 - National Capital and External Territories
 - Parliamentary Library
 - Treaties
- **Statutory**
 - Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
 - Australian Crime Commission
 - Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
 - Corporations and Financial Services
 - Intelligence and Security
 - Public Accounts and Audit
 - Public Works

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



COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

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

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

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, 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

Food production in Australia (*referred 25 June 2008; interim report presented 18 June 2009; final reporting date: 27 November 2009*)

Incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia (*referred 12 May 2009; reporting date: 26 November 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*)

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Second interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Final report (*tabled 20 August 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, Williams and Xenophon

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*)

Annual report 2008-09 (*tabled 20 August 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 inquiries

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

The adequacy of aviation and maritime security measures to combat serious and organised crime (*adopted 14 September 2009*)

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*)

Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (*tabled 17 August 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

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

Portfolios

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

Members

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

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*)

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 24 June 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] (*presented to the President on 5 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009 (*presented to the President on 5 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers (*presented to the President on 6 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 August 2009*)

Community Affairs References Committee

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

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

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

Hearing health in Australia (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: last sitting day in February 2010*)

Suicide in Australia (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: last sitting day in April 2010*)

Report presented

Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports (*tabled 25 June 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, McLucas and Williams† and Ms Grierson, Ms Owens, Mr Pearce and Mr Robert

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

Current inquiries

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

Financial products and services in Australia (*adopted 25 February 2009; additional matter on banking and finance industry involvement referred 16 March 2009; reporting date: 23 November 2009*)

Reports presented

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

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

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

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

Inquiry into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes (*tabled 8 September 2009*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 15 September 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

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

Portfolios

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

Members

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

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, 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

Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009 (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009 (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009 (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*)

Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009 (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date: 10 March 2010*)

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*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 22 June 2009*)

Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and related bills [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 28 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 28 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 August 2009*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 September 2009*)

Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 September 2009*)

National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 [Provisions], National Consumer Credit Protection (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2009 [Provisions], National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 7 September 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Economics References Committee

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

Members

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

Substitute member

Australian dairy industry—Senator O'Brien to replace Senator Pratt

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, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams and Wortley

Current inquiries

GROCERYchoice website (*referred 12 August 2009; interim report presented 20 October 2009; final reporting date: 16 November 2009*)

Australian dairy industry (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: 28 February 2010*)

Reports presented

Employee share schemes (*tabled 17 August 2009*)

Foreign investment by state-owned entities (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

Bank mergers (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

Government measures to address confidence concerns in the financial sector – The Financial Claims Scheme and the Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

Government's economic stimulus initiatives—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 30 September 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*)

GROCERYchoice website—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 20 October 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*)

* Government's economic stimulus initiatives—Final report (*tabled 27 October 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

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

Portfolios

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members

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

Reports presented

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 5 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 September 2009*)

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 16 October 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee

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

Members

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

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, 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

Oversight of the child care industry (*referred 25 November 2008; reporting date: 29 October 2009*)

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

Primary Schools for the 21st Century program (*referred 9 September 2009*)

Reports presented

DEEWR tender process to award employment services contracts (*tabled 25 June 2009*)

Report to the Senate on the inquiry into the effects of climate change on training and employment needs (*tabled 8 September 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, Feeney and Ryan and Mr Danby, Mr Scott and Mr Sullivan

Current inquiry

2007 Federal Election: Funding and disclosure issues (*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*)

Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto (*tabled 23 June 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

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

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

Reports presented

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 (*tabled 17 August 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009 (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 26 October 2009*)

Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee

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

Members

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

Substitute members

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

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

The impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

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, Ludlam, 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 inquiries

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 29 October 2009*)

The impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 19 November 2009*)

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (*referred 20 August 2009; reporting date: 29 November 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**

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

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator 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

Reports presented

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

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009 (*tabled 7 September 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009 (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

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

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: 26 November 2009*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

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

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

Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific (*referred 3 September 2008*)
 Australia's relations with Africa (*adopted 21 October 2009*)

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*)
 Inquiry into Australia's relationship with ASEAN (*tabled 24 June 2009*)
 Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families (*tabled 25 June 2009*)
 Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power (*presented to the President on 7 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

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

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

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators 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

Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*referred 20 August 2009; reporting date: 19 November 2009*)

Reports presented

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

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

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 inquiries

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: 29 October 2009*)

Australia's administration and management of the Torres Strait (*referred 14 September 2009; reporting date: 26 February 2010*)

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, 16 June and 17 September 2009; final reporting date: 30 March 2010*)

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/pjcs/index.htm>

Members

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Forshaw, Marshall, McGauran and Trood and Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Hull and Mr Melham

Current inquiries

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

Review of administration and expenditure no. 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*)

Review of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO) as a terrorist organisation (*tabled 25 June 2009*)

Review of administration and expenditure: No. 6 – Australian intelligence agencies (*tabled 8 September 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**

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

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

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

Substitute member

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

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

Current inquiries

Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009 (*referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 28 October 2009*)

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 (*referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*)

Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 10 September 2009; reporting date: 29 October 2009*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009*)

Reports presented

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

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009 (*tabled 20 August 2009*)

Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 20 August 2009*)

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009 (*tabled 7 September 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 16 September 2009*)
 Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 September 2009*)
 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 September 2009*)
 Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 16 October 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*)
 Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Final report (*presented to the President on 19 October 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*) and correction (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 October 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 October 2009*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

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

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: 30 October 2009*)
 Australia's judicial system and the role of judges (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 18 November 2009*)

Report presented

A possible contempt in relation to a witness to the committee's inquiry into access to justice (*tabled 8 September 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 presented to the Deputy President on 29 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 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, Boyce, Hanson-Young and McEwen and Ms D'Ath, Mr Georgiou, Dr Stone and Mr Zappia

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)

Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency—Third [final] report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia (tabled 18 August 2009) and correction (tabled 7 September 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 Farrell, Johnston, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

Current inquiries

Whether any adverse action was taken against Mr Godwin Grech in consequence of his evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009, and, if so, whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard (*referred 24 June 2009*)

In relation to the hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009 on the OzCar program:

- (a) whether there was any false or misleading evidence given, particularly by reference to a document that was later admitted to be false;

- (b) whether there was any improper interference with the hearing, particularly by any collusive prearrangement of the questions to be asked and the answers to be given for an undisclosed purpose,

and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 12 August 2009*)

Having regard to the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee on a possible contempt in relation to a witness to the committee's inquiry into access to justice, whether there was any interference with, or imposition of a penalty on, a witness before that committee, or any threat or attempt to carry out those acts, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard (*referred 10 September 2009*)

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*)

138th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (The Medical Council of Tasmania) (*tabled 14 September 2009*)

139th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Alan Cummine) (*tabled 26 October 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*)

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*)

Third report of 2009—Committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims: order of the Senate of 13 May 2009; Senators caring for an infant: standing order 175 (tabled 20 August 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)
 - 11th report (tabled 25 June 2009)
 - 12th report (tabled 20 August 2009)
 - 13th report (tabled 17 September 2009)
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Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Ms Grierson (*Chair*), Mr Georgiou (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Bishop, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy and Mr Bevis, Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Bradbury, Mr Briggs, 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*)

Report 414—Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between August 2007 and August 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2009*)

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 McLucas (*Chair*), Senator Troeth (*Deputy Chair*), and Senator 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*)

Referrals made February and March 2009: Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in Sydney, NSW, and construction of housing for Defence at Yamanto Hills, Ipswich, Queensland (Third report of 2009) (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Referral made June 2009: Construction of a new Australian Embassy complex, Jakarta, Indonesia (Fourth report of 2009) (*tabled 18 August 2009*)

Referrals made May to June 2009: Fitout and external works, ANZAC Park West, Parkes, ACT and fitout of Tuggeranong Office Park, Greenway, ACT (Fifth report of 2009) (tabled 15 September 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: 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

Reports 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)

Second report 2009 (presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

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

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

Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Sterle (*Chair*), Senator 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

Reports presented

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

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (*tabled 23 June 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2009), dated September 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

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

Members

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

Substitute members

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

Senator Adams to replace Senator Heffernan

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, Heffernan, 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

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 18 December 2009*)

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (*referred 16 June 2009; interim report presented 28 August 2009; final reporting date: 11 December 2009*)

- * Import restrictions on beef (*referred 27 October 2009; reporting date: 30 November 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*)

Matters relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (*tabled 25 June 2009*)

Implications for long-term sustainable management of the Murray Darling Basin system—Final report (*presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*) and correction (*tabled 20 August 2009*)

Import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (*presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Meat marketing (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009*)

Investment of Commonwealth and state funds in public passenger transport infrastructure and services (*tabled 20 August 2009*)

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 28 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 7 September 2009*)

Management of the removal of the rebate for AQIS export certification functions (*tabled 14 September 2009*)

- * Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 October 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*)
- No. 8 of 2009 (*tabled 24 June 2009*)
- No. 9 of 2009 (*tabled 12 August 2009*)
- No. 10 of 2009 (*tabled 19 August 2009*)
- No. 11 of 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)
- No. 12 of 2009 (*tabled 16 September 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*)
 Seventh report of 2009 (*tabled 24 June 2009*)
 Eighth report of 2009 (*tabled 12 August 2009*)
 Ninth report of 2009 (*tabled 19 August 2009*)
 Tenth report of 2009 (*tabled 9 September 2009*)
 Eleventh of 2009 (*tabled 16 September 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*)
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 Report no. 11 of 2009 (*presented 12 August 2009*)
 Report no. 12 of 2009 (*presented 20 August 2009*)
 Report no. 13 of 2009 (*presented 10 September 2009*)
 Report no. 14 of 2009 (*presented 17 September 2009*)
 Report no. 15 of 2009 (*presented 17 September 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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 2 December 2008 and 22 June 2009 (*tabled 24 June 2009*)

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_cte/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 inquiry

All treaties tabled in the Senate

Reports presented

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

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

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

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*)

Report 102—Treaties tabled on 12 and 16 March 2009 (*tabled 25 June 2009*)

Report 103—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 13 May 2009 (*tabled 18 August 2009*)

Report 104—Treaties tabled on 20 August 2009 (*tabled 10 September 2009*)

Report 105—Treaties tabled on 13 May, 25 June and 20 August 2009 (*tabled 15 September 2009*)

Report 106—Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament (*tabled 17 September 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 (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing
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 (<u>Penny</u>) <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 (<u>Joe</u>) <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 (<u>Nick</u>) <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.