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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 18 November 2009*

- 1 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2010:
  - (a) the appropriateness of exemptions from the requirements of taxation law for the Church of Scientology and associated entities in the context of their activities;
  - (b) occupational health and safety practices of the Church of Scientology and associated entities in relation to its employees, volunteers and followers;
  - (c) the adequacy of consumer protection laws in relation to the fundraising practices of the Church of Scientology and associated entities, and its charging for services; and
  - (d) any related matters.

*Notice given 24 November 2009*

- 2 **Senator Johnston:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2010:
  - (a) the nature, scope and purpose of an 'Equity and Diversity Health Check' in the Royal Australian Navy, and under what authority such an investigation is conducted;
  - (b) the equity and diversity issues at large on board HMAS *Success* (*Success*) giving rise to the 'Equity and Diversity Health Check' which was carried out on board *Success* between 21 April and 9 May 2009 including *inter alia* all disciplinary issues, the transfer of a Royal Navy exchange sailor, the management of equity and diversity issues by the ship's Commanding Officer and his Executive Officer both before and after the 'Equity and Diversity Health Check';
  - (c) the nature and veracity of complaints and allegations made by a Petty Officer or any other person concerning equity and diversity issues on *Success*;
  - (d) the reasons and factual evidentiary basis for the ship's Commanding Officer resolving to land a Chief Petty Officer and two Petty Officers (the senior sailors) at Singapore on 9 May 2009 from *Success* and the circumstances of that landing and removal from the ship including whether the Commanding Officer acted under the direction of any superior officer;
  - (e) whether the senior sailors were informed of the full nature of the allegations and factual evidentiary basis for the subsequent landing in a timely fashion or at all, and whether procedural fairness was provided to those senior sailors;

- (f) the circumstances and events that led to the Commanding Officer of *Success* addressing members of the crew in relation to the landing of the senior sailors, whether the Commanding Officer referred to the senior sailors by stating words to the effect of ‘there was a rotten core on this ship and the core has now been removed’ and if so, the extent that those comments may have prejudiced any subsequent inquiry;
- (g) whether the Inquiry Officer as appointed pursuant to terms of reference, dated 15 May, and as set out in Minute S1804843, dated 10 July 2009, declined to interview any relevant witnesses in circumstances where the senior sailors were prohibited from attending *Success* and or contacting any of the ship’s company;
- (h) the way in which the inquiry into the events on *Success* was conducted, whether the method of questioning witnesses and gathering evidence was conducted according to the principles of justice, whether the inquiry process was free from any perception of bias, and whether any witnesses were threatened with disciplinary or other action during the course of giving evidence;
- (i) whether the senior sailors requested access to evidence gathered during the inquiry into the events on *Success*, whether any such request was denied, and whether any subsequent finding is reasonable in the circumstances;
- (j) the facts and circumstances of the treatment of the Legal Officer (the lawyer) assigned to the management and defence of the case of the senior sailors including any threats, bullying, adverse conduct and prejudice generally, including any threat of posting to Western Australia, and whether any such conduct constituted an attempt to compromise the lawyer’s capacity to represent the best interests of the senior sailors without fear or favour;
- (k) the knowledge and awareness of the ship’s Commanding Officer, the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service investigators and the broader naval chain of command of the facts and circumstances relating to the Channel 7 News reports on 4 July and 7 July 2009 (the media reports) and the dates and times of such personnel being availed of such knowledge and awareness;
- (l) the knowledge and awareness of the media reports by the responsible Minister and the dates and times of the Minister being availed of such knowledge and awareness; and
- (m) all and any other matters relating to the justice and equity of the management of the senior sailors in their removal from the ship and the subsequent administrative process or processes, including their complaints as to the flawed process as set out herein.

## Orders of the Day

### 1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee

Report to be presented on the welfare of international students.

### 2 National Broadband Network—Select Committee

Final report to be presented.

- 3 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**  
Third report to be presented.
- 4 **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.*)
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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.*)
- 7 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented on the incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia.
- 8 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on access to justice.
- 9 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia's judicial system and the role of judges.
- 10 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin.

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 25 November 2009*

- \*1 **Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That standing orders 120(3) and 122(1) and (2) not apply to the consideration of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills.
- \*2 **Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the government business orders of the day relating to the following bills may be taken together for their remaining stages:
- (a) Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 and Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009; and
  - (b) Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2009 and Tax Laws Amendment (Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists) Bill 2009.

**\*3 Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That—

- (1) On Thursday, 26 November 2009:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
  - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
  - (c) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm shall be government business only, and from not later than 3.45 pm shall be the government business order of the day relating to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills;
  - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
  - (e) if the Senate is sitting at 11 pm, the sitting of the Senate be suspended till 9.30 am on Friday, 27 November 2009.
- (2) On Friday, 27 November 2009, the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be put at 3.45 pm.
- (3) The Senate meet on Monday, 30 November 2009, and that:
  - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 10 am to adjournment;
  - (b) the routine of business from 10 am shall be government business only; and
  - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills, including any messages from the House of Representatives.

*Notice of motion altered on 25 November 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.*

**\*4 Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

ACIS Administration Amendment (Application) Bill 2009  
 Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Amendment Bill 2009  
 Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2009  
 Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Bill 2009.

**Orders of the Day**

- 1 **Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Customs) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Excise) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—General) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

**Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

**Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Amendment (Household Assistance) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

In committee—Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] (25 November 2009).

*(The motion that the bills proceed without formalities, standing order 113(2), was negatived on 17 November 2009, therefore requiring separate days for the consideration of different stages in the passage of the bills and the printing and certification of the bills during passage.)*

**2 Appropriation (Water Entitlements and Home Insulation) Bill 2009-2010**

**Appropriation (Water Entitlements) Bill 2009-2010**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).

*(Bills exempted on 19 November 2009 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)*

**3 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).

**4 Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009**—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 November 2009*).

**5 Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009**—(Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Stephens, 27 October 2009*).

**6 Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2009**

**Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Bill 2009**—(Senator McEwen)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McEwen, 17 November 2009*).

**7 Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).

**8 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*).

- 9 **Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009**  
Further consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 448 from the House of Representatives (24 November 2009).
- 10 **Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 5) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 16 November 2009*).
- 11 **Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Participation Requirement) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).
- 12 **Personal Property Securities Bill 2009**—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 September 2009*).
- 13 **Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).
- 14 **Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2009**—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 9 September 2009*).
- 15 **Tax Laws Amendment (Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).
- 16 **Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Tertiary Admission Centres) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 23 November 2009*).
- 17 **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*).
- 18 **National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009**—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 June 2009*).
- 19 **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*).  
(*Bill exempted on 29 October 2009 from the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)

- 20 **Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2009).
- 21 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 March 2009).
- 22 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 November 2009*).
- 23 **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”—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens), in continuation, 28 October 2009*).
- 24 **Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 29 October 2009*).
- 25 **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*).
- 26 **Higher Education Support Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 September 2009).
- 27 **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*).
- 28 **Evidence Amendment (Journalists’ Privilege) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 29 **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*).
- 30 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).



- 31 **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*).
- 32 **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*).
- 33 **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*).
- 34 **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 **Privileges—Standing Committee—141st report—Possible interference with, or imposition of a penalty on, a witness before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Brandis)—That:
- (a) the Senate endorse the finding in paragraph 1.25 of the report, that no contempt should be found in respect of the Chief Executive Officer, or another staff member, of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia; and
  - (b) that the Chairs' Committee, established under standing order 25(10), consider the adequacy of information provided to witnesses on the subject of possible intimidation or imposition of a penalty in consequence of a witness's evidence to a Senate committee (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 23 November 2009*).
- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—Provision of childcare**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 23 November 2009*).

**3 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Inquiry into financial products and services in Australia**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McLucas, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).

**\*4 Privileges—Standing Committee—142nd report—Matters arising from the Economics Legislation Committee hearing on 19 June 2009 (referred 24 June and 12 August 2009)**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Brandis)—That:

- (a) in respect of the matters referred on 24 June 2009:
  - (i) the Senate endorse the committee's findings in paragraph 6.5 and the conclusion in paragraph 6.6 of the report,
  - (ii) the President of the Senate resume consideration of an appropriate response to flagrant breaches of the Presiding Officers' guidelines on filming and photography in Parliament House by members of the media on 19 June 2009, noting the committee's suggestion in paragraph 3.23 of the report, and
  - (iii) the Chairs' Committee established under standing order 25(10) consider model practices for handling the media at committee hearings, and the inclusion of additional information about witnesses' rights under the broadcasting resolutions in the standard information provided to all witnesses, as discussed in paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the report; and
- (b) in respect of the matters referred on 12 August 2009, the Senate endorse the committee's findings in paragraph 6.8 and the conclusion in paragraph 6.9 of the report (*Senator Abetz, in continuation, 25 November 2009*).

**5 Economics—Standing Committee—Report: Lost in Space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector—Government response**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

**6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Economic challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Trood)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Trood, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

**7 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Report—Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Birmingham)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

**8 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 (*adjourned, Senator Farrell, 19 November 2009*).

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

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 12 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Administration of Youth Allowance—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink**  
Consideration (19 November 2009).
- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2009-10—Assurance report—2008-09 major projects report—Defence Materiel Organisation**  
Consideration (24 November 2009).

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 13 February 2008*

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

*Notice given 19 March 2008*

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

*Notice given 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 25 November 2009*

- \*664 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in relation to mergers and acquisitions, and for related purposes. ***Trade Practices Amendment (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009.***
- \*665 **Senators Cormann and Barnett:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than Friday, 4 December 2009, a copy of the Government's response to all of the recommendations set out in the National Preventative Health Taskforce report, *National Preventative Health Strategy.*
- \*666 **Chair of the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries (Senator Heffernan):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the following final reports of the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries be extended to 30 June 2010:
  - (a) food production in Australia; and
  - (b) incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia.
- \*667 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Evans), no later than Friday, 4 December 2009, the complete and unedited transcripts of all four tiers of consultation meetings held under the Northern Territory Emergency Response Redesign Consultation process and any associated documents.
- \*668 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
  - (a) notes:
    - (i) the failure of the New South Wales Government to establish the Snowy Scientific Committee in a timely fashion prior to the first 5 year review of the Snowy Water Licence, as required by legislation,
    - (ii) that a decision on whether to allow environmental water to be released to the Snowy River from Mowamba Weir, in addition to Jindabyne Dam, would require at least 6 months to allow the Snowy Scientific Committee to complete further studies as required, and
    - (iii) that a decision to amend the licence to allow environmental water releases via Mowamba Weir as well as Jindabyne Dam made after the finalisation of the Snowy Water Licence review could result in substantial compensation being provided to Snowy Hydro Limited; and

- (b) calls on the Commonwealth Government to insist that the New South Wales Government delay finalisation of the Snowy Water Licence review for at least 6 months, to allow the Snowy Scientific Committee to review the environmental benefits of permitting releases from Mowamba Weir, in order to make a decision on this issue during the time of the review and thus avoid the risk of unnecessary payment of compensation.

\*669 **Senators Barnett and Fifield:** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the outstanding contribution volunteers and volunteer supporting organisations make to Australian society, estimated to be worth more than \$42 billion per annum,
  - (ii) that more than 5.4 million adults (34 per cent of the population) do voluntary work each year, contributing more than 700 million hours annually,
  - (iii) that volunteering has benefits of promoting a sense of community belonging, personal fulfilment and professional skills development for those who volunteer, as well as providing services to the community that may otherwise not be provided by government,
  - (iv) the sacrificial efforts of volunteers and volunteer organisations throughout Australia is under recognised and undervalued and without them society as we know it would collapse, and
  - (v) that International Volunteer Day will be celebrated around the world on 5 December 2009; and
- (b) calls on the Government to continue to recognise and support volunteers and volunteer supporting organisations in our community.

\*670 **Chair of the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee (Senator Birmingham):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee on the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin be extended to 4 December 2009.

\*671 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate notes that Saturday, 28 November 2009 marks the start of the National Year of Action on Marriage Equality and that rallies will be held in capital cities across the country.

\*672 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to abolish the power of the Commonwealth executive government to disallow or amend any Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory, and for related purposes. *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2009.*

\*673 **Senator Milne:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 1 pm on 26 November 2009, Dr Clive Spash's uncensored and unamended research paper, *The brave new world of carbon trading.*

\*674 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the recent passing by the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly of the Civil Partnerships Amendment Bill 2009; and

- (b) congratulates the first couple to hold a legally-recognised ceremony in the Australian Capital Territory, Mr Warren McGaw and Mr Chris Rumble, who on 25 November 2009 celebrated their love and commitment in front of family and friends.

\*675 **Senators Hanson-Young and Humphries:** To move—That the Senate recognises the sovereignty of the territory parliaments to legislate within the powers conferred on them by the Federal Parliament, without interference from the Federal Government.

## 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 Macdonald, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

### 2 **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 Macdonald, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

### 3 **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, 19 November 2009*).

### 4 **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, 19 November 2009*).

### 5 **National Water Commission—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

### 6 **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 (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

### 7 **National Transport Commission—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

### 8 **Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

### 9 **Director of National Parks—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**10 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 (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**11 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 (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**12 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 Macdonald, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

**13 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 (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**14 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 (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**15 Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**16 Department of Climate Change—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**17 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**18 Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McGauran, in continuation, 19 November 2009*).

**19 Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**20 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

**21 Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation (Land & Water Australia)—Report for 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).

- 22 **Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 23 **Supervising Scientist—Report for 2008-09 on the operation of the Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 24 **Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 25 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 26 **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 27 **Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 28 **Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 29 **Tourism Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 19 November 2009*).
- 30 **Skills Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).
- 31 **Australian Bureau of Statistics—Information paper—Census of population and housing 2011—Nature and content**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).
- 32 **Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).
- 33 **Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).
- 34 **Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).



- 35 Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 24 November 2009*).
- \*36 Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2009**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*37 IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited and IIF Neo Pty Limited—Reports for 2008-09**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*38 Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 July to 30 September 2009**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*39 Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2008-09**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*40 Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2008-09**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*41 Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Lebanon regarding Cooperation on Protecting the Welfare of Children, done at Beirut on 18 March 2009**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*42 Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Poland on Social Security (Warsaw, 7 October 2009)**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*43 Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Amendments, done at Rome, Italy on 5 December 2008, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals of 23 June 2009**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).
- \*44 Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Second Protocol amending the Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income as amended by the Protocol of 16 October 1989, done at Canberra on 8 September 2009**  
Consideration (*25 November 2009*).

- \*45 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 6 of 2009—Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto**  
 Consideration (25 November 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*).
- 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*).
- 90 **Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 24 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*).

- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 109 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 29 October 2009*).
- 110 **Immigration—Border protection**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scullion—That the Senate notes that the Rudd Government’s policies have seriously comprised the integrity of Australia’s borders with far reaching consequences, including:

- (a) the increased activity of illegal people smuggling in Australia's region;
- (b) an increased number of unlawful arrivals taking perilous journeys;
- (c) the diversion of border protection agencies and resources; and
- (d) heightened security and biosecurity risks (*Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 29 October 2009*).

**111 Immigration—Asylum seekers—*Oceanic Viking***

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

- (a) notes the continued presence of pull factors as part of the problem Australia faces on the issue of illegal immigration;
- (b) notes and condemns the Government's handling of the recent situation aboard the *Oceanic Viking*;
- (c) notes the special deal that was offered to those asylum seekers aboard the *Oceanic Viking* was an inducement to disembark the ship; and
- (d) notes that the Rudd Labor Government has yet to come up with an effective solution to this situation (*Senator Fierravanti-Wells, in continuation, 19 November 2009*.)

**112 Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) 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, 23 November 2009*).

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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

### Next day of sitting (27 November 2009)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Final report to be presented on food production in Australia.

### On 30 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.

### **On 24 December 2009**

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

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

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

### **On 1 February 2010**

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

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009, the Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009 and the Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009, together with the Government amendments to the bills circulated on 28 October 2009 and any related matter.

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **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*).

### **On the first day of sitting in 2010 (2 February 2010)**

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

1 **Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on the process for determining public interest immunity claims.

### **On the first day of the next period of sittings (2 February 2009)**

#### Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2009**—(*Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*24 November 2009*).

### On 2 February 2010

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

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

Report to be presented on Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers.

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 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 Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Notice of Motion

*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 3 February 2010

#### 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 22 February 2010

#### Government Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 26 October 2009*

1 **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.

*Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 19 November 2009.*

### **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 25 February 2010**

#### Business of the Senate—Order 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.*)

#### 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 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 9 March 2010

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

##### 1 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

### 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 18 March 2010

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

##### 1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and the Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

##### 2 Community Affairs References Committee

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

#### General Business—Orders of the Day

##### 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*).



108 **Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 28 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.
- 3 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Energy Efficient Homes Package.

**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 1 June 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the management of aircraft noise by Airservices 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 June 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- \*1 **Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on new therapeutic groups under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

### On 31 August 2010

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

1 **Economics References Committee**

Report to be presented on the role of liquidators and administrators.

### On 2 September 2010

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

\*1 **Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on access to planning options and services for people with a disability.

### 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—Order 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).

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## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

**Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 29 October 2009; reporting date: 2 February 2010*).

**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 varied 19 November 2009; reporting date: 25 February 2010*).

**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*).

**Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009**

**Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009**

**Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee together with the Government amendments to the bills circulated on 28 October 2009 (*referred 23 November 2009; reporting date: 1 February 2010*).

**Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009‡**

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

**Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 29 October 2009; reporting date: 2 February 2010*).

**Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009‡**

**Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 19 November 2009; reporting date: 18 March 2010*).

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

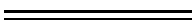
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 17 September 2009; reporting date: 10 March 2010*).

**Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 19 November 2009; reporting date: 9 March 2010*).

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

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



## **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](http://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.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### *Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 944 to 2385 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 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](http://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
- 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  
 1814 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy  
 1817 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth  
 1820 Minister for Employment Participation

*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*)
- 1920 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 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
- 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
- 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*)
- 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
- 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
- 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 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.

- 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
- 2138 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 2161 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 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

2171 Minister for Defence

2172 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2173 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

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
- 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
- 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
- 2198 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 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.

*Notice given 16 September 2009*

**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
- 2221 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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*)
- 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.

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.

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 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

2328 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2329 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

- 2332 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 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
- 2343 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2345 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2348 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2351 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy

*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*

- 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 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.

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.

*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.

*Notice given 27 October 2009*

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.

*Notice given 29 October 2009*

2387 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) (a) Does the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) stand by its 2003 report that Mount Hotham and Mount Buller would lose 25 per cent of their snow cover by 2020; and (b) how is the evidence thus far matching with the prediction.
- (2) (a) What is the total cost of administration and other fees for the 9 800 CSIRO credit cards; (b) how many CSIRO staff do not have a CSIRO-issued credit card; and (c) what is the maximum number of credit cards held by any CSIRO official.

2388 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the answer to question BET-128 taken on notice during the 2009-10 Budget estimates hearings of the Economics Legislation Committee, does the Australian Bureau of Statistics consider that, in relation to the Survey of Education and Training about which letters were sent to prospective participants in April 2009, it would have been helpful to include in these letters to prospective participants more information on eligibility, such as maximum age or minimum number of hours worked.

*Notice given 30 October 2009*

2390 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to delegations visiting Australia between 3 December 2007 and 29 October 2009:

- (1) What was the total number of: (a) delegations; and (b) delegates on each delegation.
- (2) For each delegation: (a) from which country was each delegate from; (b) what were the dates of their visits, including the arrival and departure dates for each delegate; and (c) what were the names and positions of all officials, including support staff.
- (3) (a) Which states and/or territories did each delegate visit; and (b) can a list be provided of the name of every hotel they used.
- (4) For each delegate, what was the cost to the Government for: (a) international and domestic airfares, including the class of travel, for each flight; (b) meals; (c) layovers in other countries; (d) hospitality; (e) internal transport; (f) ceremonies; (g) accommodation (per night); (h) travel allowance; (i) gifts; (j) functions; (k) travel insurance; and (l) other expenses.
- (5) What has been the total cost to the Government of all official delegates to Australia, including for all of the items listed in (4) above.

*Notice given 2 November 2009*

2391 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the requirement that 410 visa holders maintain ‘fully comprehensive’ health insurance:

- (1) How does the department define ‘fully comprehensive’ health cover for the purposes of holding a subclass 410 visa.
- (2) What is the scope of the cover required.
- (3) What percentage of costs is required to be covered.
- (4) What is meant by Medicare equivalent cover.
- (5) What would fall outside the scope of ‘fully comprehensive’ health cover.
- (6) What oversight, if any, does the department undertake to ensure that that overseas visitors’ health cover meets its policy.
- (7) Does the department undertake any assessment of premium increases for overseas visitors’ health cover.

*Notice given 4 November 2009*

2392 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that in January 2008 the Federal Government provided \$150 million for an additional 25 000 elective surgery procedures to be carried out by the states and territories, how many additional elective surgery procedures have been carried out.
- (2) Given that the Minister and the Prime Minister have used the figure that 41 000 additional elective surgery procedures were carried out (<http://www.pm.gov.au/node/6249>): (a) who produced this figure; and (b) how was it derived.
- (3) (a) With reference to the Victorian Auditor-General’s report, *Access to public hospitals: Measuring performance*, dated April 2009, which found that information provided by some hospitals has been manipulated (p. 55), how can the Commonwealth be sure that its funding has delivered the results it claims; and (b) given that similar concerns in relation to the manipulation of waiting list numbers have been reported in the New South Wales report, *Final report of the special commission of inquiry: Acute care services in NSW public hospitals*, dated 27 November 2008, and in an article of *The Adelaide Advertiser* ‘SA hospitals fail waiting list test’ on 15 October 2009, does the Minister consider that manipulation is occurring.
- (4) Are the waiting list figures provided by the states and territories accurate or inaccurate.
- (5) What action does the department take to ensure waiting list statistics provided to the Commonwealth by the states and territories are accurate.
- (6) (a) Is the Minister or the department aware of ‘secret’ waiting lists, as reported in an article of the *Sunday Mail*, ‘Secret surgery waiting lists exposed’ on 9 August 2009; if so, does the department have an estimate of numbers on these ‘secret’ waiting lists.

- (7) Is the department aware that the New South Wales State Government included dental surgery treatments in its last report of additional elective surgery procedures; if so: (a) did the Commonwealth allow the New South Wales State Government to include dental surgery treatments in order to meet the Commonwealth's requirements for cutting waiting list numbers; and (b) for what other reasons has the Commonwealth allowed the New South Wales State Government to include dental surgery treatments in its report.
- (8) Is dental surgery normally included in elective surgery waiting lists.
- (9) Have any other states or territories included dental surgery in their reports of elective surgery procedures.

2393 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) How many one-on-one meetings has the Minister had with the Managing Director of Medibank Private; (b) where and when did these meetings take place; (c) what was the purpose of these meetings; and (d) what was discussed at these meetings.
- (2) (a) How many one-on-one meetings has the Minister had with chief executive officers or general managers of other private health insurance funds; (b) where and when did these meetings take place; (c) what was the purpose of these meetings; and (d) what was discussed at these meetings.

2394 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory, of the number of additional hospital beds which have been added to public hospitals since December 2007.
- (2) With reference to the \$600 million allocated for the 'Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan' in the 2008-09 Budget: (a) can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory, of the amount that has been expended to 1 November 2009; and (b) on what has the money been spent.

2395 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccine (commonly known as the swine flu vaccine):

- (1) Is the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) or the department monitoring the debate about Thimerosal and its associated safety concerns.
- (2) (a) How many phone calls has the adverse reaction line, listed on the TGA website, received; and (b) how many online reports have been made.
- (3) (a) Does the TGA receive information on a routine basis from other regulators about adverse events; and (b) have arrangements been put into place for the swine flu vaccine.
- (4) Will the TGA actively share information with other regulators about adverse reactions to the swine flu vaccine.
- (5) (a) Will information about adverse reactions to swine flu vaccines be made available outside the normal Adverse Drug Reactions Advisory Committee reporting processes; and (b) will the TGA separately report information about adverse reactions to swine flu vaccines.

- (6) (a) What is the monitoring process adopted by the TGA for adverse events; and (b) have alternate arrangements been made in relation to swine flu.
- (7) (a) How extensive was the information provided by CSL Limited to the TGA; and (b) how many people were in the trials on which the TGA based its decision.
- (8) (a) What is the average length of time for a vaccine to be registered by the TGA; (b) how did the swine flu vaccine compare against this figure; and (c) how long did it take for the TGA to evaluate the swine flu vaccine.

2396 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) What is the evaluation process for the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccine (commonly known as the swine flu vaccine); and (b) were there any adverse reports at any stage of the evaluation process.
- (2) Has the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) received any adverse reports or concerns about the safety of the swine flu vaccine.
- (3) (a) Have there been any adverse reports in Australia to the swine flu vaccine; and (b) will information be made publicly available about adverse reactions to the swine flu vaccine; if so, when will this information be made available.
- (4) (a) Is the TGA monitoring adverse events occurring overseas; and (b) are other regulators such as the Food and Drug Administration, the European Medicines Agency and the TGA collaborating and sharing information about adverse events to the swine flu vaccine.
- (5) (a) What has been the reported rate of adverse reaction from Tamiflu in Australia; and (b) is this broadly consistent with the international experience.
- (6) Is the department aware of comments in *The Lancet*, of 17 October 2009, stating that despite ‘these inadequate data, the consistent reports of potential serious harms in adolescents, and the projected future heavy use of oseltamivir [Tamiflu], make it imperative to quickly establish large multicentre studies to test any possible associations’; if so: what system is in place to ensure the reporting of such events.
- (7) Has the department assessed international concerns over the adjuvant used in the swine flu vaccine.
- (8) (a) Does the swine flu vaccine vary when used in people at special risk (i.e. with a compromised immune system or if pregnant); and (b) what is the increased risk of adverse effects for these patients.

2397 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccination program: (a) what approach has been taken to post-marketing surveillance of the vaccination program; (b) what resources have been allocated to this surveillance; (c) what is expected to be the total cost of this surveillance; (d) how does this compare to other post-marketing surveillance programs; and (e) who will conduct the surveillance.

2398 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—For each financial year from 2001-02 to 2008-09, and for the period 1 July to 2 November 2009:

- (1) How many non-residents have sought entry to Australia.

- (2) For each class and subclass of visa: (a) how many non-residents: (i) have applied for admission to Australia, and (ii) were approved for admission to Australia; and (b) into which Australian state or territory did those granted entry arrive.
- (3) Given that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees handles offshore processing of refugees, does the department keep records of applicants for refugee status made from outside Australia; if so, by claimed country of origin, how many have applied.

*Notice given 5 November 2009*

- 2399 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) How does the department determine future residential aged care service needs.
  - (2) How does the department determine the unmet aged care needs in the community (i.e. those who are eligible for residential aged care but cannot access care in a facility of their choice and remain on waiting lists).
  - (3) Does the department maintain any data about residential aged care facility waiting lists; if so, by state and territory, what is the current size of those waiting lists.
  - (4) How many ageing Australians are currently deemed eligible to enter residential aged care as assessed by Aged Care Assessment Teams.
  - (5) How many residential aged care beds are currently operational in Australia.
- 2400 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—For the 2008-09 financial year, and for the period 1 July 2009 to 4 November 2009, by state and territory, what was the expenditure on the Medicare chronic disease dental scheme administered under the Enhanced Primary Care Program introduced for people with chronic conditions and complex care needs.
- 2401 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccine (commonly known as the swine flu vaccine):
- (1) Does the department monitor the implementation of each jurisdictional pandemic plan.
  - (2) What are the arrangements for distribution to each state and territory.
  - (3) What is the Government doing to ensure access to the swine flu vaccine for vulnerable groups, such as Indigenous Australians and rural and remote communities.
  - (4) For each state and territory, to 4 November 2009 what percentage of vaccinations have been bulk-billed.
  - (5) Have the costs associated with general practitioners administering the vaccine been included in the total costs associated with its roll-out.
- 2402 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccine (commonly known as the swine flu vaccine):
- (1) As at 4 November 2009, for each state and territory: (a) how many doses of the swine flu vaccine have been delivered; and (b) how many swine flu vaccinations have been administered.

- (2) As at 4 November 2009, what is the cost of the swine flu vaccination program.
- (3) (a) What is the cost per vial of the swine flu vaccine; (b) how many doses are in each vial; and (c) what is the average number of doses wasted in each vial.
- (4) Can a breakdown be provided of all costs associated with the program, including but not limited to, marketing costs, the cost of VacPac, distribution costs and manufacturing costs.
- (5) What is the total expenditure for maintaining the Health Emergency website from its time of creation to 4 November 2009.

2403 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza vaccine (commonly known as the swine flu vaccine):

- (1) For the period 1 April to 4 November 2009: (a) how many Therapeutic Goods Administration staff were assigned to the swine flu response; and (b) how many were medical staff.
- (2) For the period 1 April to 4 November 2009: (a) how many departmental staff were assigned to the swine flu response; and (b) how many were medical staff.
- (3) How many departmental staff were involved in: (a) stakeholder consultation and working with state and territory governments; (b) social marketing campaigns; and (c) the distribution of the swine flu vaccine and VacPacs.
- (4) Who was responsible for assembling of VacPacs.
- (5) Is the department actively encouraging staff to be vaccinated against swine flu; if so, what arrangements are in place to facilitate the vaccination.
- (6) Has the department considered a mass swine flu vaccination program for all departmental staff; if so, what conclusion was reached.

2404 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) As at 1 October 1997, how many residential aged care beds and Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) were: (a) allocated; and (b) operational.
- (2) As at 30 June 2009, how many residential aged care, CACPs, Extended Aged Care at Home Packages and Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia Package places were: (a) allocated; and (b) operational.
- (3) Of the residential aged care places allocated since 1 October 1997, how many became operational in each financial year allocated as: (a) high care; and (b) low care.
- (4) What would be the cost impact on government outlays if the current high and low care allocations of residential aged care places of 44 places per 1 000 persons aged 70+ were to be replaced with allocations of 88 places per 1 000 persons aged 70+.
- (5) (a) What analysis has the department conducted on the aged care recommendations contained in the final report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission; and (b) what was the outcome of that analysis.
- (6) When will the Conditional Adjustment Payment review report be made publicly available.



- (7) How many low care residents have utilised allied health services each year under Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) items 10950 to 10970 following preparation of a care plan contributed to by a general practitioner using MBS item 731.

(Amended 18 November 2009.)

*Notice given 12 November 2009*

**Senator Cash:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2405-2406)—With reference to the *Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) Act 2008* (the Act) and the Productivity Commission report, *Review of Australia's consumer policy framework* (the review):

- (1) What specific recommendations did the review make in relation to component pricing.
- (2) Did the Government adopt the review's final recommendations in the Act; if not, why not.
- (3) (a) What steps, if any, did the Government take to notify the restaurant/hotel industry of the impact of the changes to component pricing and in particular, to single pricing; and (b) if steps were taken, how was this communicated to the relevant parties.
- (4) How does the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) monitor compliance and adherence to single pricing in the restaurant/hotel industry.
- (5) Since the commencement of the Act, has the ACCC undertaken any investigations or prosecutions of restaurants or hotels concerning breaches of the Act in relation to single pricing; if so: (a) what were the names of the relevant restaurants or hotels; and (b) can information relating to the nature of each breach be provided.

2405 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services

2406 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

2407 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to the Federal Government's Secure Schools Program (the program):

- (1) How much funding is allocated to the program for each of the following financial years: (a) 2008-09; and (b) 2009-10.
- (2) (a) Can a list be provided of the successful first round schools and the funding allocated to each school; and (b) have any additional schools been successful in their application for funding.
- (3) Can a breakdown be provided of how funding will be spent at each of the successful first round schools.
- (4) How much of the Schools Stimulus Package funding is allocated to each of the successful first round schools.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of each step of the application process to receive funding under the program.
- (6) What is the program's definition of a security need.
- (7) What criteria must be met for a school's funding application to be successful on the grounds of assessed security needs.

- (8) Has additional funding been sought for any additional costs likely to be incurred in implementing the program.
- (9) Does the program address security issues such as bullying, student violence and child protection: (a) if so, how; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what measures does the Federal Government have in place to counter these issues and what additional funding has been allocated to such programs.

2408 **Senator Marshall:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) What percentage of complaints to the Australian Communications and Media Authority concerning Telstra:
  - (a) cite that more than one call was made to Telstra in an attempt to resolve the issue;
  - (b) cite being transferred multiple times before the complainant could speak to somebody who could assist them;
  - (c) cite being on hold for an excessive length of time as the reason for the complaint;
  - (d) cite that a product or service that was received by the customer was not solicited and had in fact been refused by the customer;
  - (e) cite that delivery of a product or the application of a service to their telephone account was substantially different (either in pricing or product performance) to the product or service represented by the sales person;
  - (f) claim that contractual terms were misrepresented during their first interaction with the sales person; and
  - (g) (i) cite that the Telstra bill is incorrect, and (ii) how many of these complaints are resolved in the customer's favour.
- (2) In regard to Telstra's undertakings to the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman to improving customer service and complaint resolution:
  - (a) how are these undertakings verified; and
  - (b) is there any oversight concerning these undertakings.

2409 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Which funding programs or funding agreements that are administered within the Minister's portfolio will lapse or terminate at the end of the following financial years: (a) 2009-10; and (b) 2010-11.

2410 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the new unit created within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the purpose of boosting press coverage of the Australian Government's policies by foreign media outlets and coordinating Australian diplomatic involvement in global fora and international organisations:

- (1) (a) What is the title of the unit; and (b) when was it created.
- (2) Where is the unit physically located.
- (3) (a) How many staff have been allocated to this unit since its inception; and (b) how many staff are currently working in the unit.
- (4) (a) How many of the staff working in the unit since its inception are: (i) Australian Public Service (APS) staff, and (ii) employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MoPS); and (b) what are the classification levels for each of these staff members.

- (5) (a) What is the annual budget of this unit; and (b) can an itemised list be provided of the budgets for: (i) total remuneration packages, including both salaries and additional non-salary benefits, (ii) travel and travel allowance, (iii) local and overseas transportation, and (iv) entertainment, gifts and miscellaneous items.
- (6) (a) How many overseas trips have been taken by members of this unit during the course of their duties; (b) what was cost to the Commonwealth for these trips; and (c) can an itemised list be provided for each trip, including: (i) dates, (ii) destinations, (iii) purpose, (iv) number of participating staff, (v) APS/MoPS levels of participating staff, (vi) travel and travel allowance costs, (vii) local and overseas transportation, and (viii) entertainment, gifts and miscellaneous items.
- (7) Which unit within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was previously responsible for the execution of the foreign media relations duties that are now assumed by this new unit.
- (8) Which unit within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was previously responsible for the execution of the international diplomatic coordination duties that are now assumed by this new unit.
- (9) Has the budget for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade been cut to offset the costs of this new unit; if so, by how much.

*Notice given 16 November 2009*

- 2412 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2123, in particular, the answer to part (8) which referred to reports provided by the Special Envoy to the Australian Pacific Community, Mr Richard Woolcott, to the Prime Minister: (a) can a copy of these reports be provided; and (b) on what date were these reports provided to the Prime Minister.
- 2413 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—
- (1) With reference to Standards Australia Limited:
    - (a) (i) how much does the department contribute to Standards Australia Limited annually, and (ii) has there been a request to increase this contribution; if so, by how much;
    - (b) does the Government monitor the financial viability of Standards Australia Limited;
    - (c) what is the role of Standards Australia Limited;
    - (d) do individual board members influence policy;
    - (e) does Standards Australia Limited have an annual \$3 million shortfall; if not, what is their annual shortfall; and
    - (f) what has caused Standards Australia Limited's shortfall.
  - (2) With reference to the Green Car Innovation Fund (the fund):
    - (a) how many grants have been made from the fund;
    - (b) for each grant made from the fund: (i) on what date was the grant made, (ii) what was the amount of the grant, (iii) who was the recipient of the grant, and (iv) if the grant is to be paid in instalments, what is the schedule;

- (c) what are the differences in design between the Toyota Camry Hybrid to be built in Australia and those already being assembled overseas;
  - (d) what are the differences in design between the Holden Cruze to be built in Australia and those already being assembled overseas; and
  - (e) in regard to the \$42 million Ford Green Car grants: is the Government pulling back any monies from the previous grant announcement to Ford for the Focus.
- (3) With reference to the Structural Adjustment Program:
- (a) to date, how many: (i) grants have been paid, and (ii) applications have been made;
  - (b) how many grants have been for mergers as opposed to exceptional circumstances;
  - (c) how much is left in the fund;
  - (d) how much money has been spent on mergers; and
  - (e) has any money been spent solely on closures where there is no other producer in Australia.
- (4) With reference to the Automotive Envoys – Automotive Market Access program:
- (a) to date: (i) how much has been paid to Mr John Conomos AO for his work as envoy for the Australian automotive industry, and (ii) can details be provided of how many days he has worked, including: (A) travel locations and costs (airfares, allowance, incidentals etc), and (B) with whom he has met, including the times and dates of these meetings and a list of stakeholders;
  - (b) to date: (i) how much has been paid to the Honourable Steve Bracks for his work as envoy for the Australian automotive industry, and (ii) can details be provided of how many days he has worked, including: (A) travel locations and costs (airfares, allowance, incidentals etc), and (B) with whom he has met, including the times and dates of these meetings and a list of stakeholders; and
  - (c) in regard to the car industry trade ‘missions’: (i) what was the total cost of each mission, (ii) who went on each mission, (iii) who did each mission meet, including place, times and dates of meeting, and (iv) what are the outcomes from each mission.
- (5) With reference to the Australian Industry Participation Plans:
- (a) what exactly is an ‘Australian Industry Participation Plan’;
  - (b) what sectors are to be covered by these plans;
  - (c) who is to develop these plans;
  - (d) what is the cost of these plans; and
  - (e) are these plans currently in place.
- (6) With reference to the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme ‘crack down’:
- (a) (i) are the new guidelines currently in place, and (ii) can copies of the guidelines be provided; and
  - (b) what will the scheme achieve.
- (7) With reference to space science:
- (a) how many people are currently employed in the Space Policy Unit; and
  - (b) what are their Australian Public Service classifications.

- (8) With reference to Enterprise Connect:
- (a) what is the difference between the annual operating costs of Enterprise Connect in the 2009-10 Budget as opposed to when first budgeted in 2008-09; and
  - (b) are all the Enterprise Connect centres now up and running; if not, when will they be.
- (9) With reference to the Commonwealth Commercialisation Institute:
- (a) what is the status of the program;
  - (b) when will the program commence;
  - (c) what will the program do;
  - (d) how many staff will the program have;
  - (e) how many offices will the program have;
  - (f) how much funding is committed to this program; and
  - (g) for how long will the funding be available.
- (10) With reference to the Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence:
- (a) (i) how many centres does the Australian Research Council fund, and (ii) which centres are so funded; and
  - (b) are any centres up for renewal in 2009; if so, can a list be provided of the names of those centres and the status of their renewal.

2414 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Has a land acquisition activity notice ever been issued by a telecommunications carrier under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* on a private residential dwelling in Australia; if so: (a) where; and (b) when.

*Notice given 17 November 2009*

- 2415 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—For 2009 in Tasmania, how much Australian Broadcasting Corporation television and radio news time and other coverage was given to the annual state conferences of the: (a) Australian Labor Party; (b) the Liberal Party of Australia; and (c) the Australian Greens.
- 2416 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations meeting on Friday, 23 October 2009, to consider a report from the heads of treasuries on the benchmarks for sectors to receive additional Commonwealth funding: (a) why is the report not publicly available; and (b) under what circumstances would the report be made public.
- 2417 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation program, Q&A:
- (1) How much time has the program spent discussing: (a) Middle East issues; (b) other controversial international situations such as Afghanistan and Iran; and (c) humanitarian crises such as Burma, Darfur and North Korea.
  - (2) (a) Which programs have been dedicated entirely to the abovementioned issues; and (b) what is the percentage of those programs against the total.
  - (3) (a) Who were the panellists chosen for these discussions; (b) how were these panellists assessed to be the best candidates; and (c) how does the program ensure that a balance of informed panellists is represented across the spectrum of opinion.

*Notice given 18 November 2009*

2418 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Has the Minister, her office or the department received or compiled any information, or commissioned any research, on cataract surgery times in Australia since the Senate disallowed the reduced rebates for cataract surgery on 28 October 2009; if so, can details of that information be provided (including its origin and when it was compiled).
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the updated National Procedure Banding List has not altered the procedure band for cataract surgery, indicating that no significant reductions in the average cost/time for this procedure have occurred.
- (3) Does any of the information received by the Minister, her office or the department indicate average times for cataract surgery well in excess of the 15 to 20 minutes asserted by the Minister to justify cutting cataract surgery rebates first by 50 per cent and now by 46 per cent.

*Notice given 19 November 2009*

2419 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the recent decision to allow the importation of beef from countries with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as mad cow disease):

- (1) Was the Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary and/or officers from the department involved in the decision to allow imports of beef from countries with mad cow disease; if so: (a) who was involved; and (b) what was the decision-making process.
- (2) (a) When was the review of the ban initiated; and (b) by whom was the review initiated.
- (3) Was the Australian beef industry consulted about this decision; if so: (a) who in the industry was consulted; and (b) when were they consulted.
- (4) (a) Has the department reviewed the test for mad cow disease presence in beef; and (b) what is the margin for error in the testing process.
- (5) (a) Who conducted the independent review of safety for the proposed lifting of import restrictions; and (b) what costs were involved with the review.
- (6) When are the first imports of beef from countries with the presence of mad cow disease expected to arrive in Australia.
- (7) Under current country of origin labelling laws, would beef imported from countries with the presence of mad cow disease and processed into cooked foods be able to be labelled as being made in Australia; if so, does the Government support this aspect of Australia's food labelling laws.

2420 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Does the Minister support the plan by the Western Australian State Government to convince Japanese energy company Inpex Corporation to spend up to \$750 million developing a major port at Derby to service the Browse Basin oil and gas industry:

- (a) if not, why not; and

- (b) if so, does the Minister agree that this contradicts the Minister's and the Western Australian State Government's rationale for an agreement on a single hub and the shared objective as stated in a joint media release on 5 February 2008 between the Minister and the Western Australia Acting Minister for State Development, Mr John Kobelke, that neither 'government wants piecemeal project development, with multiple ports and processing plants along the Kimberley coast. So rather than dealing with a growing number of development proposals in an *ad hoc* way and risking the slow destruction of our environment and heritage, we will proactively use federal environment law to ensure that any future development has a minimal impact on the things we love and value'.

2421 **Senator Macdonald:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) (a) Since 1 January 2008, on how many occasions has the Minister exercised his discretion to approve changes to electorate office staff allowance allocations; and (b) can a list be provided of the name and political party representation of those staff.
- (2) (a) Since 1 January 2008, on how many occasions has the Minister refused to exercise his discretion to alter electorate office staff allowance allocations; and (b) can a list be provided of the name of the member and/or senator and the political party representation of that person.

2422 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2370 (Senate *Hansard*, 18 November 2009, p. 118P):

- (1) Who is the Co-Deputy Chair mentioned in part (b)(i) of the answer.
- (2) Which member received the payment mentioned in (b)(ii) of the answer.
- (3) Who are the staff mentioned in part (b)(iii) of the answer.
- (4) In regard to part (b)(iv) of the answer: (a) which consultants were employed; and (b) what were they asked to consult on.
- (5) Can an update be provided of all parts of question on notice no. 2370 to cover the period 12 August to 23 November 2009.

2423 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs on 25 November 2009*)—With reference to the passengers on the *Oceanic Viking*:

- (1) (a) Why did the Taiwanese fishing boat *FV Kuamg*, which arrived on the scene at 4.11 pm, not take the passengers off the Sri Lankan boat which was in distress; and (b) was the *FV Kuamg* too small to take 40 people.
- (2) Why was no one rescued until 11.15 pm.
- (3) (a) Was the distress call received on Sunday at 7.10 am; if not, when was the distress call received; (b) was an Royal Australian Air Force Orion patrol plane dispatched on Monday at 1.30pm; if not, when was it dispatched; and (c) when was the boat first sighted.
- (4) Can details be provided of the process that is followed by Australia when asylum seekers are found on failing boats.

- 2424 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 25 November 2009*)—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2110 (Senate *Hansard*, 18 November 2009, p. 106P): (a) of the 33 projects announced by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, how many were preceded by an Australian Greens senator being notified as early as the attending Minister, as guaranteed by the Prime Minister; and (b) how many of these announcements, or any other announcements by the Minister since 1 July 2009 (please detail), involved 24 hours notice to an Australian Greens senator.
- 2425 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—With reference to the \$14.7 billion in federal funding for school infrastructure, for each state and territory:
- (1) (a) How many school building projects have been approved; and (b) what energy efficiency standards did the Commonwealth require the relevant state or territory department to include in any tender and contractual documents for these projects.
  - (2) Did the Commonwealth check that the tender and contract documents complied with these requirements.
  - (3) Were these standards adhered to in the completed projects.
  - (4) What was the auditing process to determine whether the standards had been adhered to.
  - (5) If the standards were not adhered to: (i) why not, and (ii) what action will the Minister take to rectify this.

*Notice given 20 November 2009*

- 2426 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—
- (1) Of the approximate 150 000 litres of dispersant used in the Montaro oil spill clean-up, how many litres of each dispersant product was used, including Ardrex 6120, COREXIT EC9500A, COREXIT EC9527A, Tergo R-40 and Slickgone LTSW.
  - (2) (a) What monitoring was done to assess the level of toxicity in the water from the oil and the use of dispersants; and (b) can a copy of the results be provided.
  - (3) Is there a detailed map showing where the dispersants were sprayed; if so, can a copy of the map be provided.
  - (4) Was any modelling done that shows where the dispersants might end up in the ocean (as was done to predict the movement of the oil).
  - (5) Who made the decision to use dispersants: (a) the first time; and (b) on an ongoing basis after that.

*Notice given 23 November 2009*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2427-2463)—For the 2008-09 financial year, what is the department's top 5 program: (a) overspends and their costs; and (b) underspends and their costs.

2427 Minister representing the Prime Minister



- 2428 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 24 November 2009*)
- 2429 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2430 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 2431 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2432 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2433 Minister for Defence
- 2434 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2435 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2436 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2437 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2438 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 2439 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 2440 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2441 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 2442 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 2443 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 2444 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2445 Special Minister of State
- 2446 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2447 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 2448 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2449 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2450 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 24 November 2009*)
- 2451 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 2452 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2453 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2454 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 2455 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 24 November 2009*)
- 2456 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 24 November 2009*)
- 2457 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2458 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 24 November 2009*)
- 2459 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 24 November 2009*)

- 2460 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2461 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 24 November 2009*)
- 2462 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science
- 2463 Minister for Employment Participation

*Notice given 24 November 2009*

- 2464 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 2107 relating to the ‘Caring for our Country’ program:
- (1) Of the \$268 million ‘Not budgeted by jurisdiction’ for the 2008-09 financial year: (a) what were the specific projects that these payments supported; (b) to which corporate entities were the payments directed; and (c) what is the legal address of those corporate entities.
  - (2) Of the \$269 million ‘Not budgeted by jurisdiction’ for the 2009-10 financial year: (a) how much has been expended to 23 November 2009; and (b) what were the specific projects that these payments supported; (c) to which corporate entities were the payments directed; and (d) what is the legal address of those corporate entities.
- 2465 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—Since 24 November 2007:
- (1) How many nights has the Prime Minister stayed: (a) in each state and territory; and (b) overseas.
  - (2) How many nights has the Treasurer stayed: (a) in each state and territory; and (b) overseas.
  - (3) How many nights has the Deputy Prime Minister stayed: (a) in each state and territory; and (b) overseas.
- 2466 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—As at 23 November 2009, can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory, of how many farmers are receiving the exceptional circumstances drought assistance.
- 2467 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Bringing Nurses Back into the Workforce program: can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory, of how many nurses took up the community sector positions under the program for each of the following periods: (a) 2007-08 financial year; (b) 2008-09 financial year; and (c) 1 July to 23 November 2009.
- 2468 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—From 2004 to date, can a breakdown be provided, by state and territory in each aged care allocation, of how many high and low care places that were allocated but are still not operational.
- 2469 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the provision of zero interest loans to aged care providers for the construction of new facilities, by state and territory, what is: (a) the total number of loans provided to 23 November 2009; and (b) the total value of the loans.

2470 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—

- (1) How many sworn officers were employed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) as at 1 November 2009.
- (2) How many sworn officers were recruited by the AFP between 23 November 2008 and 24 November 2009.
- (3) How many sworn officers were made redundant by the AFP between 23 November 2008 and 23 November 2009.
- (4) How many sworn officers has the AFP budgeted to recruit by 31 December 2010.
- (5) For questions (1) to (4) above, can a breakdown be provided by state or territory of the number of sworn officers employed, recruited or made redundant during the indicated periods.

2471 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to full-time equivalent (FTE) positions within the Australian Crime Commission (ACC):

- (1) As at 23 November 2009, what was the budgeted FTE allocation of the ACC, broken down by job category and state and territory.
- (2) For the month ended October 2009, what was the actual staffing level, including officers seconded from state and territory agencies of the ACC, broken down by job category and state and territory.
- (3) How many redundancies have there been among sworn officers of the ACC, broken down by job category and state and territory, for the following periods: (a) 1 March to 30 June 2009; and (b) 1 July to 23 November 2009.

2472 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the document tabled in the Senate on Wednesday, 18 November 2009, regarding the appointment of Mr Mike Kaiser as Principal – Government Relations and External Affairs for NBN Co:

- (1) When did the Government become aware of the appointment of Mr Kaiser prior to the announcement.
- (2) (a) Who within the Government was aware of the appointment before the announcement; and (b) when and how were they informed.
- (3) Which recruitment firm or firms handled the recruitment process for this position.
- (4) When did NBN Co first advise the recruitment firm or firms that they were looking for the position, Principal – Government Relations and External Affairs.
- (5) Was the position advertised externally; if not, why not; if so, where and when was it advertised.
- (6) What skill set did NBN Co indicate they were looking for in the successful applicant.
- (7) (a) When was Mr Kaiser approached regarding his interest in this position; and (b) who approached Mr Kaiser.
- (8) Were there any other applications for the position; if so, how many.

- (9) Was Mr Kaiser interviewed for this position; if so: (a) when was Mr Kaiser interviewed; and (b) who interviewed Mr Kaiser.
- (10) Did any federal or state, former or current, Australian Labor Party member of Parliament act as a referee for Mr Kaiser; if so, who.
- (11) Did any current federal ministerial staff act as a referee for Mr Kaiser; if so: (a) who; and (b) what is their position.
- (12) Were any other candidates interviewed; if so, how many.
- (13) When was the remuneration for the position set at \$450 000.
- (14) Was the recruitment firm aware of the details of the proposed remuneration package before Mr Kaiser was considered for the position.
- (15) Who is the chair of the People and Performance Committee (PPC).
- (16) Who constitutes membership of the PPC.
- (17) When was the level of remuneration finalised.
- (18) What is NBN Co's 'remuneration approach'.
- (19) When did the Government become aware of the level of remuneration.
- (20) What additional benefits are associated with the position (i.e. mobile phone, laptop, wireless internet connection or car package).
- (21) Where will Mr Kaiser be based.
- (22) What is the term of Mr Kaiser's contract.
- (23) How does Mr Kaiser's salary compare with other appointments in NBN Co (i.e. is he the third highest paid employee, tenth highest paid employee etc).
- (24) What are the total remuneration packages being paid to the following individuals within NBN Co:
  - (a) Mr Mike Quigley (Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer);
  - (b) Ms Christy Boyce (Head of Industry Engagement);
  - (c) Mr Gary McLaren (Chief Technology Officer);
  - (d) Mr Greg Willis (Head of Program Management);
  - (e) Mr Jean-Pascal Beaufret (Chief Financial Officer);
  - (f) Mr Kevin Brown (Chief HR Officer and Head of Corporate Affairs);
  - (g) Mr Steve Christian (Head of Network Operations); and
  - (h) Mr Tim Smeallie (Head of Commercial Strategy).
- (25) In regard to the statement by the Minister's office that 'NBN Co advise that the salary is consistent with equivalent jobs in other companies':
  - (a) for which other companies is Mr Kaiser's salary comparable; and
  - (b) what is the average salary level for a comparable position in Australia.

*Notice given 25 November 2009*

\*2473 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to overseas delegations visiting Australia between 3 December 2007 and 29 October 2009:

- (1) What was the total number of: (a) delegations; and (b) delegates for each delegation.
- (2) What country did each delegate come from.

- (3) What were the dates of the visits of each delegation, including the arrival and departure dates for each delegate.
  - (4) For each delegation, what were the names and positions of all officials, including support staff.
  - (5) Which states and territories did each delegate visit.
  - (6) What was the name of every hotel used by each delegate.
  - (7) For each delegate, what was the cost to the Government for:  
(a) international and domestic airfares, including the class of travel for each flight; (b) meals; (c) layovers in other countries; (d) hospitality; (e) internal transport; (f) ceremonies; (g) accommodation per night; (h) travel allowances; (i) gifts; (j) functions; (k) travel insurance; and (l) other expenses.
  - (8) What has been the total cost to the Government of all official delegations to Australia, including all items listed in (7) above.
- \*2474 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015, what funding will the Government commit to counter-terrorism initiatives in Indonesia.
- \*2475 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister: (a) made representations to the Sri Lankan Government about Mr James Elder's expulsion from Sri Lanka; if so: (i) on what dates, and (ii) at what level; and (b) made representations to the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka about this matter; if so: (i) on what dates, and (ii) at what level.
- \*2476 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister made representations to the Ambassador of Venezuela about nuclear proliferation; if so: (a) on what dates were the concerns raised; and (b) at what level.
- \*2477 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister made representations to members of the International Security Assistance Force about the legitimacy of the first Afghanistan election; if so: (a) on what dates were the concerns raised; and (b) at what level.
- \*2478 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—(a) On what date or dates is the next round of negotiations scheduled for the Australia-China Free Trade Agreement; and (b) what is its location.
- \*2479 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to meetings held between the Australian and Indonesian governments concerning the bilateral treaty on the international transfer of prisoners: (a) how many meetings have been held; (b) on what dates were the meetings held; (c) where were the meetings held; (d) how many people attended the meetings; and (e) what progress has been made.
- \*2480 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) (a) What investigation has the Government undertaken into reports that new laws in Afghanistan deny women their basic rights; and (b) have any meetings been held in relation to this issue; if so: (i) who attended the meetings, (ii) on what dates were the meetings held, and (iii) where were the meetings held.

- (2) Has the Australian Government made any representations to the Afghanistan Government on the new laws; if so, what response was received.
- \*2481 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Has the Minister attended any meetings in 2009 to discuss the Government's support for Pakistan in its battle against extremists; if so: (a) on what dates were the meetings held; (b) who attended these meetings; (c) what was the outcome of these meetings; and (d) what measures has the Government taken, or intends to take, to provide assistance to Pakistan.
- \*2482 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to asylum seekers: (a) how are the Government's screening processes consistent with the 2004 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees statement of principles to protect asylum processes from abuse by persons involved in terrorist activities; and (b) what is the full range of background checks undertaken.
- \*2483 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—
- (1) How many people were considered for the role of Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and/or Ambassador to the European Union.
  - (2) (a) How many of those considered were recommended in writing to the Prime Minister; (b) on what dates were they recommended; and (c) were any of these candidates successful.
  - (3) Did the Minister sign any document recommending anyone other than Dr Brendan Nelson to the role of Ambassador to NATO and/or Ambassador to the European Union.
- \*2484 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the new viewing area at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Talinguru Nyakunytjaku:
- (1) (a) What options were considered, including location and aspects of Uluru afforded by each location; and (b) what were the costings.
  - (2) How, when and by whom was the location determined (including details of all consultations).
  - (3) (a) How many options were considered at the time of the final determination of the location; and (b) what were those options.
  - (4) What cultural considerations were given in relation to all the options considered.
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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 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.)***3 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.)***Estimates****4 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.)*

**5 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.)*

**6 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Fair Work Australia**

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.

*(Agreed to 28 October 2009.)*

**7 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.

**8 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.

**9 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.

**10 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.

**11 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.

**Legislation****12 Senate consideration—Variation**

That the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 is exempt from the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009 relating to the consideration of legislation, enabling consideration of this bill to proceed in accordance with the standing orders.

*(Agreed to 29 October 2009.)*

**13 Senate consideration—Variation**

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Appropriation (Water Entitlements and Home Insulation) Bill 2009-2010
- Appropriation (Water Entitlements) Bill 2009-2010.

*(Agreed to 19 November 2009.)*

**Meeting of Senate****14 Meeting of Senate**

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

**Autumn sittings:**

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

**Autumn sittings (2):**

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

**Budget sittings:**

- Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

**Winter sittings:**

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

**Spring sittings:**

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

**Spring sittings (2):**

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

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

**15 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****16 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.)*

**17 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.)*

**18 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.)*

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

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy contracted Dr Brian Fisher from Concept Economics to conduct an independent peer review of the Department of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the Government’s proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme,
- (ii) the committee wrote to the Treasurer (Mr Swan) on 9 December 2008 requesting that Dr Fisher, be given ‘full access to the government’s complete documentation of the government’s models together with the model codes and databases and any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the policy scenarios, but not publicly released’ by 17 December 2008,
- (iii) the Treasurer has refused the committee’s request, and
- (iv) Dr Fisher has reported that he was impeded in carrying out the work requested by the committee because the information requested from the Treasurer was not made available to him; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on 5 February 2009, the following information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia’s low pollution future: The economics of climate change mitigation*:

- (i) the model documentation and codes together with all databases for both the global trade and environment model and the Monash multi-regional forecasting model that were employed in the department's modelling of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme scenarios in a form that would allow the reproduction of the department's results, and
- (ii) any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the abovementioned policy scenarios but not publicly released.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 4 February 2009; statements by leave made 5 February and 11 February 2009; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)*

**20 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents**

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

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

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

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

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the Prime Minister's stated commitment before the 2007 Federal election that Federal Labor would retain the 'existing private health insurance rebates, including the 30 per cent general rebate and the 35 and 40 per cent rebates for older Australians' as well as the commitment to 'maintain Lifetime Health Cover and the Medicare Levy Surcharge',
  - (ii) the government's reaffirmation of those commitments during its first Senate Estimates as the new government in February 2008, and on other occasions,
  - (iii) revelations that since the election of the Rudd Government work has been done by both Treasury and the Department of Health and Ageing on options and/or recommendations for scrapping the private health insurance rebate and other options for change to the rebate and Lifetime Health Cover, and
  - (iv) the departmental records listing for the Department of Health and Ageing for the period 1 July 2008 until 31 December 2008 listing six specific ideas and policy development papers on changes to private health insurance in general and Lifetime Health Cover in particular;

- (b) considers publication of those policy development ideas to be in the public interest; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister Representing the Minister for Health and Ageing by no later than 12 pm on 16 March, the following documents:
  - (i) 2008/039344 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – ACPHI,
  - (ii) 2008/043077 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt2 – ACPHI,
  - (iii) 2008/048024 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt3 – ACPHI,
  - (iv) 2008/058144 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt4 – ACPHI,
  - (v) 2008/066297 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Policy Development & Implementation (PD&I) Section – ACPHI, and
  - (vi) 2008/021657 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) – Loading Waiver Provision – Private Health Insurance Act 2007 – ACPHI.

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

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

That the Senate—

- (1) Notes:
  - (a) that the government has not complied with the order of the Senate made on 4 February 2009, ordering the production of certain unpublished information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
  - (b) the government's statement to the Senate on 11 February 2009 expressing the 'belief' that the provision of some of the documents requested would cause substantial commercial harm to organisations that were contracted to assist Treasury;
  - (c) that the claim of commercial harm cited by the government in its refusal to release the required information relates to only part of the information requested and that no explanation was provided as to why all of the other information not covered by the claim of commercial harm should not be provided for scrutiny by the Senate;
  - (d) the evidence to the committee in this regard by Professor McKibbin, one of the consultants contracted by Treasury for its modelling, that in his view models developed with public funding should be publicly available;

- (e) that the committee has received correspondence from Monash University, one of the two organisations the government indicated in its statement would be exposed to substantial commercial harm were the requested information to be released, which states that “*the University wishes to assist (the Fuel and Energy Committee) in every way possible*”, and that the University Solicitors would work with the creators of the Monash Multi-Regional Forecasting model “*to identify the manner and nature of disclosure that will meet the Committee’s needs as far as possible while protecting the University’s interests*”;
  - (f) the correspondence received from Purdue University, the other organisation mentioned in the government’s statement, which explains that the simple purchase of a licence would avoid any commercial harm;
  - (g) the evidence of the WA Department of Treasury and Finance indicating that they had also been unsuccessful in obtaining access to relevant modelling information, which was preventing them from providing proper and informed advice on the economic impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme in Western Australia to the government in that state; and
  - (h) the ongoing concerns expressed by a wide variety of stakeholders about the inadequacy of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
- (2) Considers that:
- (a) irrespective of the government’s statement in the Senate on 11 February 2009 it is in the public interest that all the underlying information used by Treasury in its modelling be available to help facilitate proper scrutiny by the Senate of the impact of the government’s proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
  - (b) models used in the modelling exercise developed using public funding ought to be publicly available; and
  - (c) where the public release of information is likely to cause significant commercial harm to an external organisation every effort ought to be made to prevent that harm while not preventing the Senate from fulfilling its proper role to scrutinise the activities and proposals of government;
- (3) Orders that the following information be produced to the Senate Select Committee on Fuel and Energy by noon on Friday 13 March 2009:
- (a) the information referred to in paragraph (b) of the Senate’s order for documents of 4 February 2009 relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia’s Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
  - (b) any other information not published and not covered by (a) relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, including but not limited to:
    - (i) any information and documents generated by the government for the purpose of the composition of the information covered by (a),
    - (ii) for the two scenarios modelled for the CPRS (CPRS -5 per cent and the CPRS -15 per cent) and the reference scenario, the time series data per annum to 2050 for all states and territories of the following:



- a) Industry growth output in millions of dollars,
  - b) Employment numbers,
  - c) Gross State Product,
  - d) Emissions, and
  - e) Household CPI changes,
- (iii) the data from (ii), a), b) and c) broken down by region where applicable, and
  - (iv) any substrate data of gross industry output by the above regions.
- (4) That the committee may make the information described in paragraph (3) available to the person contracted by the committee and referred to in paragraph (a) of the Senate's order of 4 February 2009, and any person appointed by the leader of a party in the Senate or an independent senator, duly notified to the committee, to examine that information and report to that senator.
  - (5) That the committee, any senator and any other person referred to in paragraph (4) treat the information produced in accordance with paragraph (3)(a) of this order as confidential, and not publish the information to any other person except as authorised by this order.
  - (6) That the committee may refer to the information produced to it in accordance with this order and any conclusions reached from it in a report to the Senate, but shall not disclose the information in such a report.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 11 March 2009; statement by leave made 17 March 2009; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)*

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

- (1) That the Senate notes that the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) is in contempt of the Senate for his failure to comply with a Senate order of 4 February 2009 for the production of documents relating to the National Broadband Network (NBN) tender process.
- (2) That there be laid on the table by 6.50 pm on Wednesday, 13 May 2009:
  - (a) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's formal report on the NBN proposals to the NBN Panel of Experts; and
  - (b) the final report provided to the Government from the NBN Panel of Experts on submissions to the NBN process.
- (3) That if the Government continues to refuse to comply with the orders of the Senate for the provision of these documents, consideration of any bill relating to the Government's 'new national broadband network' be postponed and made an order of the day for the next day of sitting after the documents described in (2)(a) and (2)(b) are laid on the table.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 13 May 2009; documents presented 26 October 2009.)*

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

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

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

*(Motion of Senator Fifield agreed to 18 June 2009; documents tabled 22 June and 11 August 2009.)*

**25 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.)*

**26 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.)*

**27 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.)*

**28 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.)*

**29 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.)*

**30 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; document tabled 16 November 2009.)*

**31 Environment—Montara oil spill—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong), no later than Monday, 16 November 2009, the report of the marine survey of the environmental impacts of the Montara oil spill and all documents used in its preparation, including drafts.

*(Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 29 October 2009; documents tabled 16 November 2009.)*

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

That the Senate—

a) Notes that:

- 1) the Rudd Government is ignoring the accelerating crisis in aged care, in particular the serious financial viability challenges faced by aged care providers involved in the provision of high care beds;
- 2) the Government appears to justify its inaction by pointing to advice from the Department of Health and Ageing, also submitted to various Senate committees, that “efficient” aged care providers are financially viable;
- 3) the Senate has sought to verify those claims by seeking access to the de-identified data from the audited General Financial Purpose Accounts, which the Department of Health and Ageing has been collecting from aged care providers since the 2004-05 financial year;
- 4) on 13 August 2009, in answer to question on notice 1688, the Minister indicated that the de-identified data from the General Purpose Accounts was available on the Department of Health and Ageing website – when in fact it wasn’t;
- 5) on 19 August 2009 the Senate ordered that the de-identified data from the General Purpose Accounts and associated reports from the years 2005-06 to 2008-09 be laid on the table;
- 6) the Government eventually made the 2006-07 de-identified unit record data available;
- 7) the Government refused to table the remaining information part of the Senate’s order, providing the following reasons in a letter dated 20 September 2009:
  - a) information from 05-06 was of ‘poor quality’ and ‘could be misleading and not contribute to the public understanding of these issues’;

- b) Access Economic and KPMG reports of the 2006-07 data were to 'inform the Cabinet's deliberations'; and
  - c) information from 2007-08 is incomplete, awaiting some late returns.
- b) Considers that the above grounds are either not supported by precedent or insufficient justification for the refusal to provide the requested information and documents to the Senate, noting in particular that:
- 1) the Senate has previously explicitly rejected the proposition that information that may 'confuse the public debate' is a sufficient ground not to release information;
  - 2) not every document placed before Cabinet reveals the deliberations of Cabinet, and only if the reports in question revealed Cabinet deliberations would they conform with the recognised ground; and
  - 3) incomplete material can (and should) be tabled with a caveat as to its incompleteness.
- c) Rejects the Ministers grounds for withholding the national de-identified data and associated reports.
- d) Considers publication of the national de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts and associated reports to be in the public interest.
- e) Again 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 18 November 2009, the following documents:
- 1) National de-identified data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers for:
    - i) 2005-06;
    - ii) 2007-08, including any report/analysis by the department and/or any third party consultant; and
  - 2) the report/analysis by Access Economics and KPMG based on the 2006-07 de-identified unit record data from the audited General Purpose Accounts of aged care providers.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 17 November 2009; document tabled 18 November 2009.)*

**33 Parliament—Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009—Legal advice—Order for production of document**

That the Senate—

- (a) Notes that:
- 1) the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 passed the Senate on 28 October 2009;
  - 2) the Clerk of the Senate provided advice that there was no constitutional barrier to the Senate introducing (and passing) this bill;
  - 3) the Minister for Health and Ageing told the House of Representatives on 29 October 2009, that the Government had legal advice that this bill was unconstitutional, that it should not have been introduced in the Senate and had not been appropriately passed;

- 4) the Minister also told the House of Representatives that the Government, was “happy to provide that legal advice” (9.59am, 29/10/2009);
- 5) subsequent and repeated requests to obtain a copy of the legal advice the Minister relied upon to make her claims on 29 October 2009 that the bill passed by the Senate was unconstitutional have been unsuccessful;
- 6) eventually a copy of departmental advice dated 4 November 2009 was provided, advice which clearly had been drafted well after the Minister made her claims based on ‘legal advice’ on 29 October 2009, and after requests for a copy of that legal advice had been put to the Minister.

- (b) Orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing in the Senate, by no later than 5pm on 17 November 2009, a copy of the legal advice referred to by the Minister on 29 October 2009, indicating that the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 was unconstitutional.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 17 November 2009; document tabled 18 November 2009; documents tabled 18 November 2009.)*

**34 Environment—Geoscience Australia—Carbon dioxide storage sites—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 18 November 2009, the assessment by Geoscience Australia reportedly identifying prospective sites for underground carbon dioxide storage sites in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, referred to in an article, ‘New hope for viable clean coal projects’ published in *The Australian* on 24 October 2009.

*(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 17 November 2009; document tabled 18 November 2009.)*

**35 Environment—Australian forest cover—Maps—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That the Senate:

- (a) recalls that the:

- (i) return to order motion moved on 16 September 2009 seeking 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, to be tabled by 26 October 2009, was supported, and
- (ii) Government tabled a response which said ‘The Government is pursuing this matter however we are currently unable to satisfy the timeline for the production of these documents owing to the inter-departmental consultations that the order has required’; and

- (b) notes that:

- (i) 9 weeks have now passed since the motion was supported, and
- (ii) scrutiny, of the forest cover maps is essential for consideration of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme bills.

- (2) That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 19 November 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 18 November 2009; document tabled 19 November 2009.)*

**36 Workplace Relations—Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Bilateral intergovernmental agreements—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, no later than 3 pm on Thursday, 19 November 2009, copies of any bilateral intergovernmental agreement entered into, or final text agreed, between the Commonwealth Government and any referring state government or any territory government, in relation to the Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009.
- (2) That a copy of the final text of each such agreement proposed to be entered into between the Commonwealth Government and any referring state government or any territory government on or after 3 pm on Thursday, 19 November 2009, be laid on the table within 24 hours of the final text being agreed.
- (3) That a copy of each such signed agreement entered into between the Commonwealth Government and any referring state government or any territory government on or after 3 pm on Thursday, 19 November 2009, be laid on the table within 24 hours of the agreement being signed.

*(Motion of Senator Fisher agreed to 18 November 2009; document tabled 19 November 2009.)*

**37 Health—Cataract surgery times—Data—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the Senate disallowed the massive reduction in MBS cataract surgery rebates pursued by the Rudd Labor Government, with the objective to have the MBS rebates for cataract surgery maintained at the '2008 Regulations' level,
  - (ii) the Minister for Health and Ageing justified the massive 50 per cent cut to Medicare rebates for cataract surgery by arguing that the procedure was now 'quicker and easier' to perform and now took only about 15 minutes instead of the 45 minutes when the procedure was first introduced,
  - (iii) the Minister for Health and Ageing never provided any Australian data to substantiate those assertions, while an AMA survey of 334 ophthalmologists indicated that about 70 per cent of ophthalmologists took between 25 and 40 minutes to perform cataract surgery,
  - (iv) that it is further understood that the procedure band for cataract surgery has not been altered on the National Procedure Banding List, indicating no significant cost/time changes have occurred, and further
  - (v) the Minister for Health and Ageing has so far failed to acknowledge that MBS rebates for cataract surgery:



- (A) have been reduced twice before since they were first introduced, by 30 per cent in 1987 and by 10 per cent in 1996, and
- (B) have been indexed by about 2 per cent per annum since 1996, below CPI and below AWE, to take account of productivity improvements;
- (vi) the Minister for Health and Ageing or her department appear to have made some belated efforts to collect data to identify the average length of time taken to perform cataract surgery; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by 12 pm on Friday, 20 November 2009:
  - (i) any information the Minister for Health and Ageing, her office or the department has received, compiled or commissioned on cataract surgery times in Australia since the Senate successfully disallowed the reduced rebates for cataract surgery on 28 October 2009, and
  - (ii) any information held by the Government in relation to procedure bands for cataract surgery on the National Procedure Banding List since its inception, including the cataract surgery related procedure band information on the most recently updated National Procedure Banding List.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 19 November 2009; document presented 20 November 2009 and tabled 23 November 2009.)*

**38 Parliament—Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009—Legal advice—Order for production of document**

That the Senate—

- (a) Notes that:
  - 1) the Minister for Health and Ageing told the House of Representatives on 29 October 2009, that the Government had legal advice that the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 was unconstitutional, that it should not have been introduced in the Senate and had not been appropriately passed,
  - 2) the Minister also told the House of Representatives that the Government was “happy to provide that legal advice” (9.59am, 29/10/2009),
  - 3) on 17 November the Senate ordered “that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing in the Senate, by no later than 5pm on 17 November 2009, a copy of the legal advice referred to by the Minister on 29 October 2009, indicating that the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 was unconstitutional” under section 53 of the Constitution,
  - 4) in response, on 18 November the Minister for Health and Ageing tabled a letter stating that the legal advice would not be provided to the Senate on the grounds that it could “prejudice the Commonwealth’s position in the event of future legal proceedings”, and
  - 5) advice from the Clerk of the Senate makes it clear that section 53 of the Constitution is non-justiciable and “[t]herefore there cannot be any legal proceedings which might be prejudiced by disclosure of advice to the government on its interpretation of section 53”.

- (b) Considers that release of a copy of the legal advice referred to by the Minister on 29 October 2009 is in the public interest.
- (c) Orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing in the Senate, by no later than 12pm on 24 November 2009, a copy of the legal advice referred to by the Minister on 29 October 2009, indicating that the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 was unconstitutional.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 23 November 2009; document tabled 24 November 2009.)*

**\*39 Environment—Geoscience Australia—Carbon dioxide storage sites—Order for production of document**

- (1) That the Senate—
  - (a) recalls that on 17 November 2009 it agreed to the following order, ‘That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 18 November 2009, the assessment by Geoscience Australia reportedly identifying prospective sites for underground carbon dioxide storage sites in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, referred to in an article, ‘New hope for viable clean coal projects’ published in *The Australian* on 24 October 2009’; and
  - (b) notes that the Government tabled a response saying, ‘The Government is not able to comply with the Order because there is no document in the precise form requested. In any event, the Minister asks the Senate to note that the Government is using a report containing an assessment along the lines sought, containing also the work of others, for the purpose of assisting the Government’s consideration of competitive applications for funding under the CCS Flagships program. The report will be released at the time the grants under that program are announced’.
- (2) That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 25 November 2009, the report ‘containing an assessment along the lines sought’.

*(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 25 November 2009.)*

**\*40 Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and related bills—Draft rules and regulations—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing, no later than noon on Thursday, 26 November 2009, a copy of the current draft rules and regulations relating to the following bills:

- (a) Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009;
- (b) Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009; and
- (c) Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 25 November 2009.)*

## Question time

### 41 **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.)*

### \*42 **Modified rules for question time—Temporary order**

That the following modified rules for question time operate as a temporary order, in conjunction with standing orders 72 and 73, from the beginning of 2010 for the remainder of the 42nd Parliament and for the first two sitting weeks of the next Parliament:

(a) primary questions shall be limited to one minute and answers to them to two minutes;

(b) two supplementary questions shall be allowed to each questioner, each supplementary question shall be limited to thirty seconds and the answers to them to one minute each; and

(c) answers shall be directly relevant to each question.

*(Agreed to 25 November 2009.)*

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## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

### **Auditor-General's reports—Consideration**

#### **1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**

**Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)**

**Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)**

**Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)**

**Senator Xenophon**

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

## Conduct of business

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

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

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

### 3 February 2010

4 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move (contingent on business being called on 3 February 2010)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving—That:

- (a) Senator Bob Brown may immediately move a motion on the involvement and deployment of Australian troops in Afghanistan; and
- (b) the motion have precedence over all other business until determined.

## Government documents

5 **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

### **Any bill relating to the amendment or repeal of the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005***

\*6 **Senator Ludlam:** To move (contingent on any order of the day being read for the consideration of any bill relating to the amendment or repeal of the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005*)—That consideration of the bill be postponed and made an order of the day for the next day of sitting after the Government:

- (a) introduces legislation restoring transparency, accountability, international best practice scientific processes and procedural fairness including the right of access to appeal mechanisms in any decisions in relation to the siting of any nuclear waste facilities;
- (b) informs the Parliament of specific actions taken to establish a consensual process of site selection; and
- (c) introduces legislation to ensure that any proposal for the siting of a nuclear waste facility on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory would adhere to the requirements that exist under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

### **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009**

- 7 **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**

- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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**

- 11 **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.

- 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 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**

- 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 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**

- 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 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**

- 15 **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**

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

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

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

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

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## **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.

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## COMMITTEES

**Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

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

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

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

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



*Current inquiries*

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*)

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**Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm)

*Members*

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

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

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

*Members*

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron, 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*)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

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

*Members*

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

*Current 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*)

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

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

*Members*

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

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**Climate Policy—Select Committee**

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

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

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

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

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**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**
*To 14 May 2009—***Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

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

*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](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

*Current inquiries*

Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 (*referred 19 November 2009; reporting date: 18 March 2010*)

Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009, Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009 and Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009, together with the Government amendments to the bills circulated on 28 October 2009 and any related matter (*referred 23 November 2009; reporting date: 1 February 2010*)

*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](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: 18 March 2010*)

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*)

\* New therapeutic groups under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (*referred 25 November 2009; reporting date: 30 June 2010*)

\* Access to planning options and services for people with a disability (*referred 25 November 2009; reporting date: 2 September 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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Farrell and McLucas and Ms Grierson, Ms Owens, Mr Pearce and Mr Robert

#### *Current inquiry*

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

*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*)
- Inquiry into financial products and services in Australia (*tabled 24 November 2009*)

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**ECONOMICS**
**To 14 May 2009—****Economics—Standing Committee**

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

*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](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*

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*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*referred 19 November 2009; reporting date: 9 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*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 November 2009*)

Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009 (*tabled 24 November 2009*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009 (*tabled 24 November 2009*)

### **Economics References Committee**

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

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

*Role of liquidators and administrators* (*referred 24 November 2009; reporting date: 31 August 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*)

GROCERYchoice website (*tabled 18 November 2009*)

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## 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](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](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*)

Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 November 2009*)

**Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**

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

Welfare of international students (*referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 25 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*)

Provision of childcare (*tabled 23 November 2009*)

**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Morrison (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, 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*)

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**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](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](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](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 member*

*Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

*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 and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

The impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin (*referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*)

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (*referred 20 August 2009; reporting date: 3 February 2010*)

Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers (*referred 29 October 2009; order varied 18 November 2009; reporting date: 2 February 2010*)

Energy Efficient Homes Package (*referred 29 October 2009; reporting date: 30 March 2010*)

*Report presented*

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (*tabled 29 October 2009*)

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**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](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](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](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 members*

*Process for determining public interest immunity claims*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert

*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, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

The relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (*referred 14 May 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009*)

Process for determining public interest immunity claims (*referred 16 November 2009; reporting date: first day of sitting in 2010*)

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

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

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

*Members*

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

*Current inquiries*

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*)

Review of the Defence annual report 2007-08 (*tabled 29 October 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](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](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: 25 February 2010*)

*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](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; report on economic challenges presented 19 November 2009; reporting date on security challenges: 24 December 2009*)

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

*Reports 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*)

Economic challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific [Volume 1 of the committee's inquiry into economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific] (*tabled 19 November 2009*)

**Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

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

(*appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008, 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*)

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**House—Standing Committee**

*Members*

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

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**Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee**

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

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

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

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

*Report presented*

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

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**Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee**

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

*Members*

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators 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)

Annual report of committee activities 2008-09 (tabled 28 October 2009)

Review of the listing of Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organisation (tabled 28 October 2009)

Review of the re-listing of Hamas' Brigades, PKK, LeT and PIJ as terrorist organisations (tabled 17 November 2009)

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#### 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](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](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 members*

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

*Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions]*—Senator Siewert 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*

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

*Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 29 October 2009; reporting date: 2 February 2010)*

*Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions] (referred 29 October 2009; reporting date: 2 February 2010)*

*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)*

*Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009 (tabled 28 October 2009)*

*Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 16 November 2009) and errata (tabled 17 November 2009)*

*Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 16 November 2009)*



Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 19 November 2009)

- \* Personal Property Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 23 November 2009) and errata (tabled 25 November 2009)

#### **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](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: 26 November 2009*)

Australia's judicial system and the role of judges (*referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 26 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)

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#### **Library—Standing Committee**

##### *Members*

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

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#### **Men's Health—Select Committee**

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

(*appointed 13 November 2008; 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

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**Migration—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(appointed 14 February 2008)

*Members*

Mr Danby (*Chair*), Mrs DS Vale (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, 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)

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**National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

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

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

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**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(appointed 14 February 2008)

*Members*

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

*Current inquiry*

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

*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*)

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**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

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**Privileges—Standing Committee**

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

*Members*

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

*Reports presented*

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

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

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

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

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

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*)

140th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Richard Stanton) (*tabled 29 October 2009*)

141st report—Possible interference with, or imposition of a penalty on, a witness before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (*tabled 23 November 2009*)

\* 142nd report—Matters arising from the Economics Legislation Committee hearing on 19 June 2009 (referred 24 June and 12 August 2009) (*tabled 25 November 2009*)

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**Procedure—Standing Committee**

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

**Members**

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

**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*)

Fourth report of 2009—Rules for question time; Public interest immunity claims: operation of the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009 (*tabled 24 November 2009*)

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**Publications—Standing Committee**

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

**Members**

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

**Reports presented**

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

3rd report (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

4th report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

5th report (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

6th report (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

7th report (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

8th report (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

9th report (*tabled 19 March 2009*)

10th report (*tabled 14 May 2009*)

11th report (*tabled 25 June 2009*)

12th report (*tabled 20 August 2009*)

13th report (*tabled 17 September 2009*)

14th report (*tabled 29 October 2009*)

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

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

*Members*

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

*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*)

Report 415—Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between September 2008 and January 2009 (*tabled 17 November 2009*)

Report 416—Review of the major projects report 2007-08 (*tabled 17 November 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*)

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**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*)

Redevelopment of the Villawood Immigration Detention Facility (Sixth report of 2009) (*tabled 23 November 2009*)

Referrals made August to October 2009: Construction of housing at Gordon Olive Estate, Brisbane, QLD, construction of housing at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, NT, midlife engineering services refurbishment of the Australian Embassy, Paris, France, Enhanced Land Force Stage 2, various locations, redevelopment of Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, and tropical marine research facilities, Cape Ferguson and Townsville, QLD (Seventh report of 2009) (*tabled 23 November 2009*)

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

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

(*appointed 19 March 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting dates varied 12 February 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](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](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](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](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*)

- \* Management of aircraft noise by Airservices Australia (*referred 25 November 2009; reporting date: 1 June 2010*)

*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*)

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**Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

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

*Members*

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

*Alert Digests presented*

No. 1 of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)

No. 2 of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

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

No. 4 of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

No. 5 of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

- No. 6 of 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)  
 No. 7 of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)  
 No. 8 of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)  
 No. 9 of 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)  
 No. 10 of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)  
 No. 11 of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)  
 No. 12 of 2008 (*tabled 12 November 2008*)  
 No. 13 of 2008 (*tabled 26 November 2008*)  
 No. 14 of 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)  
 No. 1 of 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2009*)  
 No. 2 of 2009 (*tabled 10 February 2009*)  
 No. 3 of 2009 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)  
 No. 4 of 2009 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)  
 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*)  
 No. 13 of 2009 (*tabled 28 October 2009*)  
 No. 14 of 2009 (*tabled 18 November 2009*)  
 \* No. 15 of 2009 (*tabled 25 November 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 report of 2009 (*tabled 16 September 2009*)

Twelfth report of 2009 (*tabled 28 October 2009*)

Thirteenth report of 2009 (*tabled 18 November 2009*)

\* Fourteenth report of 2009 (*tabled 25 November 2009*)

*Document presented*

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

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**Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

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

*Members*

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

Report no. 10 of 2009 (*presented 25 June 2009*)

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*)

Report no. 16 of 2009 (*presented 29 October 2009*)

Report no. 17 of 2009 (*presented 19 November 2009*)

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

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

#### *Members*

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

#### *Notifications of alterations of interests*

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

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

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

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

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

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*)

- \* Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 23 June and 23 November 2009 (*tabled 25 November 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*)

- \* Report 2/2009: Online access to the register of senators' interests (*tabled 25 November 2009*)

*Document presented*

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

**State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

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

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

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

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

**Treaties—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

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

*Current 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*)  
Report 107—Treaties tabled on 20 August (2) and 15 September 2009 (*tabled 17 November 2009*)

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## SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

### **Advisory Council on Australian Archives**

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

### **Council of the National Library of Australia**

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

### **Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust**

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

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate

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## MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing
<b>Senator the Honourable John Faulkner</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy</b> <i>Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Minister for Finance and Deregulation Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
<b>Senator the Honourable Kim Carr</b> <i>Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	Minister for Education Minister for Trade Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
<b>Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Climate Change and Water</i>	Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Attorney-General Minister for Tourism Minister for the Status of Women Minister for Home Affairs
<b>Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib</b> <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
<b>Parliamentary Secretary</b>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens</b> <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](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm)

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