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Parliament

A Parliament commences on the first sitting day following a general election and concludes either at dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House – whichever occurs first.

Session

A session commences on the first sitting day following a general election or by prorogation (the formal ending of a session), dissolution or at the expiration of three years from the first meeting of the House.

Sitting period

Sitting periods occur within a session. The sittings of the House in each calendar year are divided into three distinct periods: the Autumn sittings, from February to March; the Winter (or Budget) sittings, from May to June; and the Spring sittings, from August to December.

Sitting

A sitting commences as set down by the standing or sessional orders, or in accordance with a resolution of the House at a previous sitting, and concludes with the adjournment of the same sitting. The same sitting may extend over more than one day.

- adapted from House of Representatives Practice, 5th edn, p. 212

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Sitting periods in this session (to date):

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WORK OF THE HOUSE

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Autumn Sittings 2008	Winter Sittings 2008	Spring Sittings 2008	All Sittings 2008
House				
Sitting weeks	4	5	9	18
Sitting days	15	19	35	69
Hours of sittings*				
Including suspensions of sittings [†]	139	183	335	657
Excluding suspensions of sittings	135	179	325	639
Main Committee				
Meetings	11	17	33	61
Hours of meetings*	•	•		
Including suspensions [#]	56	94	141	291
Excluding suspensions	47	78	122	248
Private Members' business				
Private Members' business given priority	2	4	8	14
Items of private Members' business debated [†]	11	19	36	66
90 second statements by private Members	20	40	79	139
3 minute constituency statements in Main Committee	91	130	262	483
Other opportunities for Private Members (days occurring)	1.0	1 40	T	T
Adjournment motion debated in House	13	13	31	57
Adjournment motion debated in Main Committee	4	5	9	18
Grievance debate called on and debated	2	4	7	13
Matters of public importance discussed	10	11	23	44
Closures and divisions				
Closures of Member agreed to	12	6	5	23
Closures of question agreed to	1	7	10	18
Divisions	38	49	66	153
Parliamentary committees				
Reports presented	8	17	40	65
Petitions				
Petitions presented	12	36	61	109
Signatures to petitions	9,123	49,349	38,297	96,769
Ministerial responses received	0	7	49	56
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Questions Questions in writing (placed on Notice Paper)	78	127	349	554
Oral questions (without notice)	1		1	
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^{*} Adjusted to the nearest hour.

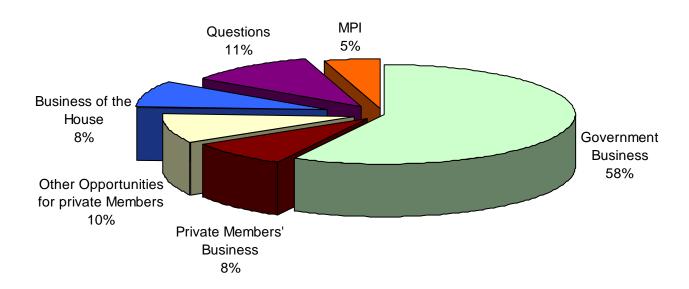
† For example: Suspensions for meals.

For example: suspensions for divisions and other proceedings in House.

† Includes Private Members' bills and motions.

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BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2008



Includes time spent in the Main Committee.

Government business includes government sponsored legislation and motions (including motions to suspend standing orders) and ministerial statements.

Private Members' business includes legislation and motions (including motions to suspend standing orders) sponsored by private Members and statements by Members.

Other opportunities for private Members includes adjournment and grievance debates.

Business of the House includes time spent on petitions, giving notices, presentation of papers (excluding motions to take note), privilege matters, personal explanations, dissent motions, announcements of ministerial arrangements, motions to appoint committees (unless moved by private Members), statements and debate on committee reports, motions for addresses, votes of condolence, leave of absence and special adjournment.

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2008 SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

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LEGISLATION

GENERAL STATISTICS

	Autumn Sittings 2008	Winter Sittings 2008	Spring Sittings 2008	All Sittings 2008
Carried over from previous sittings	_	34	38	*
Initiated in House of Representatives— Government bills Private Members' bills	50	66 2	69	185 6
Received from Senate— Government bills Private Senators' bills	3 0	3 0	5 1	11 1
Total introduced	54	71	78	203
Passed both Houses and assented to	18	65	76	159
Not passed into law— Still before House Still before Senate	29 5	23 15	27 5	*
Discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House	0	0	3	3
Negatived, discharged or removed from Notice Paper in Senate	2	2	5	9
Second reading amendments moved	2	14	7	23
Bills referred to— Main Committee	17	22	22^{\dagger}	61
Other House committees/Joint committees by House/Senate	1	2	1	4
Other House committees/Joint committees by Minister	0	1	0	1
Bills adopted by committees for inquiry	0	0	0	0
Bills initiated in House and amended in—				
House	2	3	8	12
Senate	2	6	17	25
Bills initiated in Senate and amended by House	0	1	1	2
Bills with amendments requested by Senate and made by House	0	1	8	9
Bills declared urgent ('guillotined') or otherwise subjected to limitation of time	0	0	0	0
Number of pages in bills (as introduced in House)	1,196	2,215	3,419	6,830

^{*} These figures cannot be totalled because bills from one sitting may also be included in the figure for the following sitting.

† Three bills have been re-referred and counted only once.

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Bills passed both Houses and assented to	Second reading moved	Act No. of 2008	Date of assent
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment A4	26 May	98	3 Oct
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment A4	26 May	99	3 Oct
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment ^{A4}	26 May	100	3 Oct
Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2)	16 Oct	140	9 Dec
Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) (No. 1) 2008-2009	11 Nov	132	1 Dec
Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) (No. 2) 2008-2009	11 Nov	133	1 Dec
Archives Amendment (Senate bill)	22 Oct	113	31 Oct
AusLink (National Land Transport) Amendment	28 Aug	106	18 Oct
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority	23 Oct	136	8 Dec
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	18 Sep	122	25 Nov
Australian Research Council Amendment	4 Sep	107	18 Oct
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1)	26 Jun	86	20 Sep
Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance)	26 Jun	87	20 Sep
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) (Senate bill)	22 Oct	114	31 Oct
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) (Senate bill) A5	4 Dec	158	18 Dec
COAG Reform Fund Al	23 Oct	156	18 Dec
Corporations Amendment (Short Selling)	13 Nov	146	11 Dec
Customs Amendment (Australia–Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation)	16 Oct	127	27 Nov
Customs Tariff Amendment (Australia–Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation)	16 Oct	128	27 Nov
Dairy Adjustment Levy Termination	24 Sep	123	25 Nov
Education Legislation Amendment	24 Sep	142	9 Dec
Evidence Amendment	28 May	135	4 Dec
Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) A3	15 May	108	18 Oct
Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) A3	15 May	109	18 Oct
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) A2	18 Sep	143	9 Dec

An Amended in House.

Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House.

A4 Second reading negatived in Senate (4 Sep), moved again (17 Sep) and agreed to (22 Sep).

As Amended in House (4 Dec). Senate agreed to some House amendments and disagreed to others and made a consequential amendment (4 Dec). House did not insist on amendments disagreed to and agreed to the consequential amendment made by Senate (4 Dec).

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Bills passed both Houses and assented to (continued)	Second reading moved	Act No. of 2008	Date of assent
Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) A2, A3	25 Jun	115	21 Nov
Financial Claims Scheme (ADIs) Levy	15 Oct	103	17 Oct
Financial Claims Scheme (General Insurers) Levy	15 Oct	104	17 Oct
Financial Framework Legislation Amendment	26 Jun	90	20 Sep
Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures)	15 Oct	105	17 Oct
Financial Transaction Reports Amendment (Transitional Arrangements)	18 Sep	124	25 Nov
First Home Saver Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition	4 Sep	93	30 Sep
First Home Saver Accounts (Further Provisions) Amendment	4 Sep	92	30 Sep
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment A2	18 Jun	125	25 Nov
Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding Appropriation	25 Nov	129	27 Nov
Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters)	13 Feb	89	20 Sep
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1)	27 Aug	102	3 Oct
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 2)	17 Sep	111	31 Oct
Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment (No.2)	25 Sep	147	11 Dec
Migration Amendment (Notification Review) Al	4 Sep	112	31 Oct
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2008 (Senate bill)	4 Sep	85	15 Sep
Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) (Senate bill)	3 Dec	159	18 Dec
Nation-building Funds A6	13 Nov	154	18 Dec
Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) A6	13 Nov	155	18 Dec
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment	26 Jun	84	15 Sep
National Measurement Amendment	24 Sep	137	8 Dec
National Rental Affordability Scheme	24 Sep	121	25 Nov
National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) A2	24 Sep	130	28 Nov
Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum)	27 Aug	88	20 Sep
Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Al, A2	18 Jun	117	21 Nov
Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage)	18 Jun	118	21 Nov
Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage)	18 Jun	119	21 Nov

Amended in House.

Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House.

House disagreed to Senate amendments (4 Dec). Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to by House

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Bills passed both Houses and assented to (continued)	Second reading moved	Act No. of 2008	Date of assent
Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage)	18 Jun	120	21 Nov
Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment	18 Jun	94	3 Oct
Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment A3	25 Sep	148	11 Dec
Safe Work Australia (Consequential and Transitional Provisions)	4 Sep	157	18 Dec
Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) A2, A3	4 Sep	144	9 Dec
Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) A7	28 May	134	4 Dec
Schools Assistance A8	24 Sep	153	11 Dec
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy)	11 Nov	131	1 Dec
Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements)	27 Aug	149	11 Dec
Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment	25 Sep	152	11 Dec
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3)	29 May	91	20 Sep
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) A2	26 Jun	97	3 Oct
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5)	25 Sep	145	9 Dec
Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund)	25 Sep	141	9 Dec
Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) A9	26 May	101	3 Oct
Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax—Minor Amendments)	25 Nov	150	11 Dec
Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) (No. 2) A2	25 Sep	110	31 Oct
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment	25 Jun	95	3 Oct
Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment A2, A3	25 Sep	151	11 Dec
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges)	18 Jun	96	3 Oct
Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing)	25 Sep	126	25 Nov
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment A10	26 Jun	116	21 Nov

Amended in Senate and agreed to by House.

An Amendment(s) requested by Senate and made by House.

A7 House made Senate requested amendments (24 Nov); House agreed to some Senate amendments and disagreed to another and made amendments in place thereof (25 Nov). Senate did not insist on the amendment disagreed to by House and agreed to amendments made in place thereof (26 Nov).

A8 House agreed to some Senate amendments and disagreed to another (3 Dec). Senate did not insist on the amendment disagreed to by House (4 Dec).

A9 Second reading negatived in Senate (4 Sep), moved again (17 Sep) and agreed to (22 Sep). Amendments requested by Senate and made by House (24 Sep).

A10 House agreed to some Senate amendments, disagreed to others and made further amendments (16 Oct). Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to and agreed to further amendments made by the House (10 Nov).

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Bills passed both Houses and assented to (continued)	Second reading moved	Act No. of 2008	Date of assent
Transport Security Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1)	25 Sep	138	8 Dec
Water Amendment A1, A11	25 Sep	139	8 Dec

Bills passed both Houses and assented to — Total: 76

Annual Amended in House.

All House agreed to some Senate amendments, disagreed to others and amended a Senate amendment (*I Dec*). Senate did not insist on amendments disagreed to and agreed to the amendment made by the House to a Senate amendment (4 Dec).

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BILLS NOT PASSED INTO LAW

Does not include bills introduced in Senate but not transmitted to House

Bills still before House	First reading	Second reading moved
Amendments Incorporation Amendment (Formal bill)	12 Feb	
Appropriation (No. 3) 2008-2009	4 Dec	4 Dec
Appropriation (No. 4) 2008-2009	4 Dec	4 Dec
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Climate Protection (Private Member's bill)	10 Nov	
Customs Amendment (Enhanced Border Controls and Other Measures)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment	3 Dec	3 Dec
Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia (<i>Private Member's bill</i>)	1 Sep	
Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment	3 Dec	3 Dec
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Al, Al2	21 Feb	21 Feb
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures)	25 Nov	25 Nov
Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) (No. 1)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Foreign Evidence Amendment	3 Dec	3 Dec
Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws [No. 2] (Private Senator's bill)	24 Nov	
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists	27 Nov	27 Nov
Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) A12	20 Mar	20 Mar
Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) (Private Member's bill)	23 Jun	
Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers (Private Member's bill)	1 Dec	
Tax Agent Services	13 Nov	13 Nov
Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 6)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements)	4 Dec	4 Dec
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment (No. 2)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures)	3 Dec	3 Dec
Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory)	3 Dec	3 Dec

Bills still before House — Total: 27

^{A1} Amended in House.
^{A12} Amended in Senate (not yet considered in House).

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Bills still before Senate	Second reading moved	Third reading
Fair Work	25 Nov	4 Dec
Horse Disease Response Levy	21 Feb	3 Sep
Horse Disease Response Levy Collection	21 Feb	3 Sep
Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments)	21 Feb	3 Sep
Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts)	27 Aug	13 Oct

Bills still before Senate — Total: 5

Bills discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House	Second reading moved	Discharged or removed
Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws (Private Member's bill) R	17 Mar ^{1°}	21 Oct
Interactive Gambling Amendment (Private Member's bill) R	2 Jun ^{1°}	25 Nov
Safe Work Australia A13	4 Sep	4 Dec

Bills discharged, laid aside or removed from Notice Paper in House — Total: 3

A13 House disagreed to Senate amendments (20 Oct). Senate insisted on amendments disagreed to by House (10 Nov). House insisted on disagreeing to Senate amendments (11 Nov). Senate further insisted on amendments disagreed to by House (4 Dec). House laid bill aside (4 Dec).

Bills negatived, discharged or removed from Notice Paper in Senate	Third reading in House	Negatived	Discharged or removed
National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers)	5 Jun	12 Nov ^{2°}	
National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments)	5 Jun	12 Nov ^{2°}	
National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits— Cost Recovery)	5 Jun	28 Aug ^{2°}	
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform)	24 Nov	4 Dec ^{2°}	
Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds)	29 May	24 Sep ^{2°}	

Bills negatived, discharged or removed from Notice Paper in Senate — Total: 5

Removed from Notice Paper in accordance with standing order 42.

^{1°} First reading.

^{2°} Second reading negatived.

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Second reading amendments moved	Moved	Mover
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures)	24 Sep	Mrs Markus
Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures)	28 Aug	Ms J Bishop
National Rental Affordability Scheme	15 Oct	Mr Morrison
Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform)	22 Sep	Ms Ley
Schools Assistance	21 Oct	My Pyne
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment	28 Aug	Mr Dutton
Water Amendment	14 Oct	Mr Hunt

Second reading amendments moved -- Total: 7

Bills referred to Main Committee	Referred	Returned
Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) WA	13 Nov	25 Nov
Archives Amendment (Senate bill) WA	21 Oct	22 Oct
AusLink (National Land Transport) Amendment WA	15 Sep	24 Sep
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority WA	23 Sep	25 Sep
Australian Research Council Amendment WA	16 Sep	17 Sep
Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) WA	26 Aug	27 Aug
Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance) WA	26 Aug	27 Aug
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) (Senate bill) WA	21 Oct	23 Oct
COAG Reform Fund RH	25 Nov	26 Nov
COAG Reform Fund RH (re-referral)	1 Dec	1 Dec
Customs Amendment (Australia–Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation) WA	21 Oct	11 Nov
Customs Tariff Amendment (Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation) WA	21 Oct	11 Nov
Dairy Adjustment Levy Termination WA	13 Oct	14 Oct
International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1) WA	2 Sep	4 Sep
Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) (Senate bill) WA	3 Dec	3 Dec
Nation-building Funds RH	25 Nov	26 Nov
Nation-building Funds RH (re-referral)	1 Dec	1 Dec
Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) RH	25 Nov	26 Nov
Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) RH (re-referral)	1 Dec	1 Dec
National Rental Affordability Scheme RH	15 Oct	22 Oct

 $^{^{\}rm RH}$ Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in House) $^{\rm WA}$ Agreed to without amendment.

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Bills referred to Main Committee (continued)	Referred	Returned
National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) RH	15 Oct	22 Oct
Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum) WA	2 Sep	3 Sep
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) RH	21 Oct	13 Nov
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment WA	27 Aug	28 Aug
Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) WA	13 Oct	15 Oct

Bills referred to Main Committee — Total: 22

Please note: Three bills have been re-referred to the Main Committee and have been counted only once.

Bills referred to committees and reported	Referred	Reported
Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts—Standing Committee—		
Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008	27 Nov ^H	
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—		
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) (Senate bill)	18 Jun ^S	23 Oct
Primary Industries and Resources—Standing Committee—		
Draft Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage)	19 May ^M	1 Sep

Bills referred to committees — Total: 1

Bills reported on by committees — Total: 2

- Referred by Senate.
- Referred by House.
- Referred by the Minister for Resources and Energy prior to introduction of bill.

There were no bills declared urgent ('guillotined') or otherwise subjected to limitation of time

TARIFF PROPOSALS

There were no Customs and Excise Tariff Proposals presented

 $^{^{\}rm RH}$ Returned to House for further consideration (resolved in House) $^{\rm WA}$ Agreed to without amendment.

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MOTIONS

Approvals of work

Parliamentary zone—

National Portrait Gallery forecourt sculpture (Mr Debus, 25 Sep); agreed to

Old Parliament House new cooling plant enclosure (Mr Gray for Mr Debus, 26 Nov); agreed to

Pavement artwork at Reconciliation Place (Mr Snowdon for Mr Debus, 27 Aug); agreed to

Public works-

Australian SKA Pathfinder radio telescope in Geraldton-Greenough and in Murchison Shire, WA (*Dr Kelly, 3 Dec*); agreed to

Australian Super Hornet Facilities Project, RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (Mr Debus for Mr Combet, 23 Oct); debated and agreed to

Australian War Memorial Eastern Precinct Development and National Service Memorial, Canberra, ACT (*Dr Kelly, 3 Dec*); agreed to

Bridging of Kings Avenue over Parkes Way at the Russell roundabout, Canberra, ACT (*Dr Kelly, 4 Sep*); agreed to

Construction of new warehousing facilities at Wadsworth Barracks, East Bandiana, Vic (Dr Kelly, 4 Sep); agreed to

Construction of the Australian Pavilion at the Shanghai World EXPO 2010, China (*Dr Kelly, 4 Sep*); agreed to

Fit-out for the Australian Federal Police of the Edmund Barton Building, Barton, ACT (*Dr Kelly, 3 Dec*); agreed to

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations at Block 9, Section 31, Canberra City (*Dr Kelly, 4 Sep*); agreed to

Puckapunyal redevelopment, Victoria (Dr Kelly, 3 Dec); agreed to

There were no Censure/Want of confidence motions

Committees

Appointment of members—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Committee—

(Mr Murphy, 26 Aug); agreed to

(Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Committee (Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts—Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Communications—Standing Committee (Mr Murphy, 26 Aug); agreed to

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

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Committees (continued)

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Appointment of members—
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Economics—Standing Committee—

(Mr Albanese, 28 Aug); agreed to

(Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

(Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Education and Training—Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Family, Community, Housing and Youth—Standing Committee—

(Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

(Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee (Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

Health and Ageing—Standing Committee—

(Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

(Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Standing Committee (*Dr Kelly, 10 Nov*); agreed to

Intelligence and Security—Joint Committee—

(Mr Snowdon, 27 Aug); agreed to

(Mr M J Ferguson, 3 Dec); agreed to

Migration—Joint Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Petitions—Standing Committee (Mr Murphy, 26 Aug); agreed to

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee (Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

Public Works—Joint Committee (Mr Debus, 28 Aug); agreed to

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee (Dr Kelly, 10 Nov); agreed to

Reference of work—Public Works—Standing Committee—

Australian War Memorial Eastern Precinct Development and National Service Memorial, Canberra, ACT (*Dr Kelly, 4 Sep*); agreed to

Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities Project, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, Qld and other Defence bases around Australia (*Dr Kelly, 13 Nov*); debated and agreed to

Puckapunyal redevelopment, Vic (Dr Kelly, 28 Aug); agreed to

Condolence

Honourable Francis Daniel Crean (*Mr Rudd*, 3 *Dec*); debated and referred to Main Committee (*Mr Albanese*); debated and agreed to (4 *Dec*)

Honourable Peter Drew Durack (*Mr Rudd*, 26 Aug); debated and referred to Main Committee (*Mr Albanese*); debated and agreed to (27 Aug)

Lieutenant Michael Kenneth Housdan Fussell (*Mr Rudd*, 1 *Dec*); debated and referred to Main Committee (*Mr Albanese*); debated and agreed to (3 *Dec*)

SAS Signaller Sean McCarthy (*Mr Rudd*, 26 Aug); debated and referred to Main Committee (*Mr Albanese*); debated and agreed to (27 Aug)

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There were no disallowance motions

Private Members' business debated

Age pension (Dr Jenson, 22 Sep); debated

Chocolate industry and child exploitation (Mr Pyne, 20 Oct); debated

Citizen Military Forces (Mr Scott, 24 Nov); debated (1 Dec)

Credit card limits (Mr Scott, 22 Sep); debated

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Ms Saffin, 20 Oct); debated

Drought (Mrs Hull, 13 Oct); debated

Economic security strategy (Mr Hale, 10 Nov); debated

Epidermolysis Bullosa (Mr Morrison, 15 Sep); debated

Franchisees (Mr Randall, 1 Sep); debated

GROCERYchoice website (Mr Hartsuyker, 20 Oct); debated

Housing (Mrs Moylan, 10 Nov); debated

Human rights in Tibet (Mr Slipper, 15 Sep); debated

Human trafficking (Ms Rea, 22 Sep); debated

Infrastructure (Mr Ripoll, 1 Sep); debated (15 Sep)

International Day of Democracy (Ms Parke, 15 Sep); debated, referred to Main Committee and debated

Market concentration in the grocery sector (Mr Forrest, 10 Nov); debated

Murray-Darling Basin management plan (Mrs Hull, 1 Dec); debated

National Police Remembrance Day (Mr Hayes, 22 Sep); debated

Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean (Mr Sidebottom, 15 Sep); debated

Kokoda Track campaign (Mrs Moylan, 13 Oct); debated

Palestinian-Israeli conflict (Ms Vamvakinou, 1 Sep); debated

Poverty (Ms Owens, 13 Oct); debated

Prostate cancer (Mr Bradbury, 15 Sep); debated

Social Security agreement with the United Kingdom (Ms Rishworth, 15 Sep); debated

Tasmania and drought (Mr Adams, 20 Oct); debated

The development of Northern Australia (Mr Tuckey, 22 Sep); debated

Tourism Industry (Mr Ciobo, 13 Oct); debated

United Nations (Ms Parke, 20 Oct); debated

Uranium sales to India (Mr Johnson, 1 Sep); debated

White Ribbon Day (Mr Georganas, 24 Nov); debated

World AIDS Day (Mr Danby, 1 Dec); debated

Your Water Your Say (Mr Broadbent, 15 Sep); debated

Zimbabwe (Mr Danby, 10 Nov); debated

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Procedural

Business of the Main Committee (Mr Price, 26 Nov); agreed to

Leave of absence to-

All Members (Mr Albanese, 4 Dec); debated and agreed to

Mr Oakeshott (Mr Somlyay, 24 Nov); agreed to

Mrs Gash (Mr Somlyay, 15 Sep); agreed to

Naming and suspension of Members—

24 hours—Mr Haase (Mr Albanese, 25 Sep); agreed to

3 days—Mr Tuckey (Mr Albanese, 12 Nov); agreed to

Order of Business—for Monday 1 Dec (Mr Albanese, 27 Nov); agreed to

Proposed program of sitting for 2009 (Mr Albanese, 23 Oct); debated and agreed to

Sessional Orders—Amendments (Mr Albanese, 1 Dec); agreed to

Suspension of standing orders—

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31 and 33—
(Mr Albanese, 24 Nov); debated and agreed to
(Mr Albanese, 4 Dec); debated and agreed to
76—
(Mr Price, 26 Aug); agreed to
(Mrs Hall, 15 Oct); agreed to
(Mr Price, 22 Oct); agreed to
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Suspension of standing and sessional orders to allow—

Independent Members to speak immediately to the Matter of Public Importance and that the time limit for the debate be extended (*Mr Albanese*, 11 Nov); debated and agreed to

Condolence motion on the death of the Honourable Frank Crean to be considered at 2 pm (*Mr Albanese*, 4 *Dec*); agreed to

Motion to be moved—

Censuring the-

Prime Minister (Mr Turnbull, 11 Nov); negatived

Prime Minister and Treasurer (Mr Turnbull, 23 Oct); negatived

That the Leader of the Opposition immediately condemn, retract and apologise for remarks by Members of the Liberal Party and himself on the Governor of the Reserve Bank and on the Secretary of the Treasury (*Mr Albanese*, 23 Oct); agreed to

That the House—

condemns the Prime Minster and the government for failing to act urgently to help older Australians on the single aged pension (*Dr Nelson*, 15 Sep); debated and negatived

recognises that the Prime Minister and the government have refused to address matters regarding the single age pension and demands the immediate introduction of the Urgent Relief for Single Age Pensioners Bill 2008 in the House (*Mr Turnbull*, 23 Sep); debated and negatived

That the Prime Minister make a Ministerial Statement concerning his mismanagement of the deposit guarantee policy of the Government (*Mr Pyne*, 23 Oct); negatived

That the Rudd government be condemned for being out of touch regarding pensioners and Australian families and condemns the Treasurer for lack of understanding about the impact of the global financial crisis (*Mr Turnbull*, 25 Sep); negatived

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Procedural (continued)

Suspension of standing and sessional orders to allow—

Private Members motion relating to the International Day of Democracy to be moved immediately, then referred to Main Committee and be called on and debated during government business time (*Mr Combet*, 15 Sep); agreed to

Rearrangement of the order of business for the sitting 25 Nov (Mr Albanese, 24 Nov); debated and agreed to

Resumption of the discussion of the matter of public importance (Mr Albanese, 16 Oct); agreed to

The Leader of the Opposition to apologise and retract his remarks made on the Secretary of the Treasury in Question Time (*Mr Albanese*, 22 Oct); agreed to

Time for a speech in relation to a ministerial statement on—

Australia's geothermal resources potential (Mr M J Ferguson, 16 Sep); agreed to

Australia's resale royalty right (Mr Garrett, 21 Oct); agreed to

Australia's response to the global financial crisis (Mr Albanese, 26 Nov); agreed to

Australian Youth Forum (Ms K M Ellis, 16 Oct); agreed to

Bipartisan NT Indigenous aged care services visit (Mrs Elliot, 13 Oct); agreed to

COAG business regulation agreement and small business initiatives (Dr Emerson, 1 Dec); agreed to

Defence Mortimer Review (Mr Fitzgibbon, 23 Sep); agreed to

Dementia Awareness Week (Mrs Elliot, 18 Sep); agreed to

Draft Disability (Access to Premises) Standards (Mr McClelland, 2 Dec); agreed to

Export policies and programs (Mr Crean, 22 Sep); agreed to

Financial sanctions on Burma (Mr S F Smith, 22 Oct); agreed to

Global economic turbulence (Mr Swan, 22 Sep); agreed to

Global food security (Mr A S Burke, 12 Nov); agreed to

Googong Dam (Mr Tanner, 23 Sep); agreed to

Intercountry adoption (Mr McClelland, 2 Sep); agreed to

Iran (Mr S F Smith, 15 Oct); agreed to

National security (Mr Albanese, 4 Dec); agreed to

National consumer law (Mr Bowen, 17 Sep); agreed to

Norfolk Island governance (Mr Debus, 23 Oct); agreed to

Progress on housing affordability programs (Ms Plibersek, 16 Sep); agreed to

Reform of employment services in Australia (Mr O'Connor, 1 Sep); agreed to

Runway End Safety Area project at Sydney Airport (Mr Albanese, 13 Oct); agreed to

The Australian economy and global conditions (Mr Swan, 4 Sep); agreed to

Trans Pacific Partnership (Mr Crean, 26 Nov); agreed to

Unannounced visits at nursing homes (Mrs Elliot, 27 Aug); agreed to

WTO—The July Ministerial Talks (Mr Crean, 26 Aug); agreed to

Whips report—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday—

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1 Sep (Mr Price, 27 Aug); agreed to
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15 Sep (Mr Price, 3 Sep); agreed to

22 Sep (Mr Price, 17 Sep); agreed to

13 Oct (Mr Price, 24 Sep); agreed to

20 Oct (Mr Price, 15 Oct); agreed to

10 Nov (Mr Price, 22 Oct); agreed to

24 Nov (Mr Price, 12 Nov); agreed to

1 Dec (Mr Price, 26 Nov); agreed to

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Other

Speaker's rulings—Dissent from ruling (Mr Pyne, 23 Oct); debated and negatived

That the House notes the-

sixtieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (*Mr Rudd*; 2 *Dec*); debated and referred to Main Committee (*Mr Murphy*); debated and agreed to (3 *Dec*)

statement of the Speaker concerning the Urgent Relief for Single Age Pensioners Bill 2008 and that the house decline to consider the bill as it is not in accordance with the constitutional provisions concerning the powers of the houses in respect of legislation (*Mr Albanese*; 23 Sep); agreed to

That the Member for Grayndler be suspended from the House for a minimum of two days for deliberately misleading the House (*Mrs B K Bishop*, 27 *Nov*); negatived

Page 20 Other business

OTHER BUSINESS

Statements by Speaker	Made
Constitutional provisions and House practice in respect of money bills	23 Sep
Document—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House and joint committees	4 Dec
Parliamentary Departments—Accreditation as breastfeeding friendly workplaces	16 Oct
Photograph taken by the Member for Dawson	4 Dec
Privilege (raised on 22 Oct by Mr Schultz)	23 Oct
Senate amendments to Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill (No. 2) 2008 (Deputy Speaker Ms A E Burke)	16 Oct
Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation—Report not presented (Deputy Speaker Slipper)	24 Nov

Ministerial statements	Minister	Made
Australia's geothermal resources potential	Mr M J Ferguson	16 Sep
Australia's resale royalty right	Mr Garrett	21 Oct
Australia's response to the global financial crisis	Mr Rudd	26 Nov
Australian Youth Forum	Ms K M Ellis	16 Oct
Bipartisan NT Indigenous aged care services visit	Mrs Elliot	13 Oct
COAG business regulation agreement and small business initiatives	Dr Emerson	1 Dec
Defence Mortimer Review	Mr Fitzgibbon	23 Sep
Dementia Awareness Week	Mrs Elliot	18 Sep
Draft Disability (Access to Premises) Standards	Mr McClelland	2 Dec
Export policies and programs	Mr Crean	22 Sep
Financial sanctions on Burma	Mr S F Smith	22 Oct
Global economic turbulence	Mr Swan	22 Sep
Global food security	Mr A S Burke	12 Nov
Googong Dam	Mr Tanner	23 Sep
Intercountry adoption	Mr McClelland	2 Sep
Iran	Mr S F Smith	15 Oct
National consumer law	Mr Bowen	17 Sep
National security	Mr Rudd	4 Dec
Norfolk Island governance	Mr Debus	23 Oct
Progress on housing affordability programs	Ms Plibersek	16 Sep
Reform of employment services in Australia	Mr O'Connor	1 Sep
Runway End Safety Area project at Sydney Airport	Mr Albanese	13 Oct
The Australian economy and global conditions	Mr Swan	4 Sep
Trans Pacific Partnership	Mr Crean	26 Nov

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Ministerial statements (continued)	Minister	Made
Unannounced visits at nursing homes	Mrs Elliot	27 Aug
WTO—The July Ministerial Talks	Mr Crean	26 Aug

Matters of public importance discussed	Member	Made
Australian economy	Dr Nelson	26 Aug
Australian economy	Mr Truss	27 Aug
Australian economy	Ms J Bishop	3 Sep
Australian jobs	Mr Turnbull	2 Sep
Australian jobs	Mr Keenan	26 Nov
Budget surpluses	Ms J Bishop	27 Nov
Economic and financial challenges	Ms J Bishop	23 Sep
Economic decisions	Mr Turnbull	21 Oct
Economic strategy	Ms J Bishop	4 Dec
Executive of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	Mr Katter	28 Aug
Financial crisis	Mr Turnbull	14 Oct
Global financial crisis	Ms J Bishop	15 Oct
Government performance	Mr Turnbull	3 Dec
Leadership	Mr Turnbull	17 Sep
National broadband network	Mr Truss	25 Nov
North-South water pipeline	Mr Hunt	18 Sep
Northern Territory intervention	Mr Abbott	16 Oct
Pensioners	Mrs May	24 Sep
Public hospital system	Mr Dutton	13 Nov
Public hospitals	Mr Dutton	2 Dec
Rural and Regional Australians	Mr Truss	11 Nov
Trade policy	Mr Macfarlane	16 Sep
Unlimited deposits guarantee	Ms J Bishop	22 Oct

Parliamentary delegation reports	Presented
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report on visits to—	
29 th AIPA General Assembly, Aug 2008	16 Oct
54 th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Malaysia and to Thailand, 4 to 15 Aug 2008	10 Nov
118 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Cape Town, South Africa and a bilateral visit to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	28 Aug
Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina, Sep to Oct 2008	1 Dec
Papua New Guinea and East Timor, Oct to Nov 2008	1 Dec

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COMMITTEES

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

Mr Marles (*Chair*), Mr Laming (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Abbott, Ms Campbell, Mr Katter, Ms Rea, Dr Stone (*to 10 Nov*), Mr K J Thomson, Mr Trevor, Mr Turnour, Mrs Vale (*from 10 Nov*)

Current inquiry

Community stores in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Report

Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia (presented 20 Oct)

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*from 15 Oct*)(*Deputy Chair—from 15 Oct*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*to 15 Oct*)(*Deputy Chair—to 15 Oct*), Senator C Brown, Senator Cameron, Mr Chester (*from 26 Aug*), Mr Clare, Mr Hayes, Ms Ley (*from 25 Sep*), Senator Parry, Mr Pyne (*to 25 Sep*)

Current inquiry

Law enforcement integrity models

AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Mr Wood (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Barnett, Mr Champion, Senator Fielding (*from 1 Sep*), Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes, Ms Ley (*from 25 Sep*), Senator Parry, Senator Polley, Mr Pyne (*to 25 Sep*)

Current inquiry

Legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups

Report

Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007 (presented 15 Sep)

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Jenkins (*Speaker*)(*Chair—from 25 Nov*), Senator Hogg (*President*)(*from 26 Aug*)(*Vice Chair—from 25 Nov*), Senator Cormann (*to 25 Sep*), Senator Ferguson (*to 26 Aug*), Mr Hale, Mr Hawker, Mr Hayes, Mr Lindsay, Senator O'Brien, Senator Parry (*from 25 Sep*), Mr Price

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CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS (Standing)

Membership

Ms George (*Chair*), Dr Washer (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Cobb, Mrs D'Ath, Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Irwin, Ms Livermore, Ms Marino (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Scott, Mr Wood (*to 10 Nov*), Mr Zappia

Current inquiries

Climate change and environmental impacts on coastal communities

Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008

COMMUNICATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Ms Neal (*Chair*), Mrs Hull (*from 26 Aug*)(*Deputy Chair—from 2 Sep*), Mr Vaile (*to 26 Aug*) (*Deputy Chair—to 26 Aug*), Mr Billson, Mr Bradbury, Ms Collins, Mr Georganas, Mr Irons, Mr Lindsay, Ms Rea, Ms Rishworth

Current inquiry

International mobile roaming

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Arbib, Senator Boyce, Senator Coonan (*to 13 Oct*), Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan (*to 10 Nov*), Senator Marshall, Senator Mason (*from 15 Oct*), Ms Owens, Mr Pearce (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Robert

Reports

Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising (presented 1 Dec)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (presented 1 Sep)

ECONOMICS (Standing)

Membership

Mr C R Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Pearce (to 10 Nov)(Deputy Chair—to 10 Nov), Mr Andrews (from 10 Nov), Ms J Bishop (from 25 Sep), Mr Bradbury, Mr Ciobo (from 28 Aug—to 10 Nov), Mr Dutton (to 25 Sep), Mr Hockey (from 10 Nov), Ms Jackson, Mr Keenan (to 25 Sep), Mr Marles, Ms Owens, Mr A D H Smith (from 25 Sep), Mr Turnbull (to 28 Aug), Mr Turnour

Document

Competition in the banking and non-banking sectors—Corrigendum (presented 1 Dec)

Reports

Competition in the banking and non-banking sectors (sent to Speaker under SO 247, 21 Nov; presented 27 Nov)

Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2007—Second Report (presented 24 Nov)

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Standing)

Membership

Ms Bird (*Chair*), Dr Jensen (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Clare, Ms Collins, Mrs D'Ath, Mr Irons, Mr Oakeshott (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Sidebottom, Mr A D H Smith (*to 10 Nov*), Dr Southcott, Mr Zappia

Current inquiries

Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions

Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training's Annual Report 2006-07

ELECTORAL MATTERS (Joint Standing)

Membership

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Morrison (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Birmingham, Senator B Brown, Senator C Brown, Mr Danby, Senator Hutchins, Senator Ronaldson, Mr Scott, Mr Sullivan

Current inquiry

2007 federal election (including examination of the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008)

Report

Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (presented 23 Oct)

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (Standing)

Membership

Ms Jackson (*Chair*), Mr Haase (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Bird, Ms Hall, Mr Hartsuyker (*to 10 Nov*), Mr Hayes, Mr Keenan (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Laming (*to 10 Nov*), Mr Marles, Mr Ramsey (*from 10 Nov*), Dr Southcott, Mr Symon

Current inquiry

Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing female participation in the workforce

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND YOUTH (Standing)

Membership

Ms A L Ellis (*Chair*), Mrs Moylan (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Abbott, Ms Campbell, Ms Collins, Ms Ley (*to 10 Nov*), Ms Livermore, Mrs Markus (*to 25 Sep*), Mrs Mirabella (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Morrison (*from 25 Sep*), Mr Raguse, Mr Trevor

Current inquiry

Better support for carers

Report

The value of volunteering: A discussion paper on volunteering in the community and welfare sector (presented 13 Oct)

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (Joint Standing)

Membership

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Arbib, Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Senator Bishop, Senator Cormann (*to 23 Sep*), Mr Danby, Ms A L Ellis, Senator Ferguson, Senator Fifield, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Senator Hanson-Young (*from 4 Dec*), Senator Johnston (*from 23 Sep*), Senator Ludlam (*from 26 Nov*), Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Markus (*from 25 Sep*), Mrs Mirabella, Senator Moore, Senator O'Brien, Ms Parke, Senator Payne, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, Mr Robb (*to 25 Sep*), Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott, Mr K J Thomson, Senator Trood, Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries

Australia's relationship with ASEAN

Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power

Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America

Human Rights Mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2007-2008

Report

Review of the Defence Annual Report 2006-2007 (presented 1 Dec)

HEALTH AND AGEING (Standing)

Membership

Mr Georganas (*Chair*), Mr Irons (*from 10 Nov*)(*Deputy Chair—from 12 Nov*), Mr Andrews (*to 10 Nov*)(*Deputy Chair—to 10 Nov*), Mr Bidgood, Mr Briggs (*from 25 Sep*), Mr Coulton, Ms Hall, Mrs Irwin, Ms King, Mrs May, Mr Morrison (*to 25 Sep*), Ms Rishworth

Current inquiry

Obesity in Australia

HOUSE (Standing)

Membership

Mr Jenkins (Speaker), Mr Broadbent, Mr Hayes, Ms Marino, Mr Price, Ms Saffin, Mr Somlyay

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (Standing)

Membership

Ms Vamvakinou (*Chair*), Fran Bailey (*Deputy Chair*), Mr Bidgood, Mr Champion, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Johnson, Dr Jensen, Mr Ramsey, Ms Rishworth, Mr Symon

Reports

Building Australia's research capacity—Interim report (sent to Speaker under SO 247, 24 Oct; presented 1 Dec)

Building Australia's research capacity—Final report (presented 1 Dec)

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INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Standing)

Membership

Ms King (*Chair*), Mr Neville (*Deputy Chair*), Ms Campbell, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Clare, Mrs Gash, Mrs Mirabella (*to 10 Nov*), Mr Raguse, Mr Randall (*from 10 Nov*), Mr Robb (*from 10 Nov*), Dr Stone (*to 10 Nov*), Mr Sullivan, Mr Windsor (*supplementary Member for the inquiry into the funding of regional programs*)

Current inquiries

Committee report update: *Train Illumination*New Regional Development Funding Program

Reports

Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Proposals for the new Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program—Interim report (sent to Speaker under SO 247, 5 Nov; presented 24 Nov)

Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation (presented 20 Oct)

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY (Joint Statutory)

Membership

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), Senator Coonan (*from 4 Dec*), Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus, Senator Foreshaw, Mrs Hull (*from 3 Dec*), Senator Marshall, Senator McGauran, Mr Melham, Senator Nash (*to 4 Dec*), Mr Robb (*from 27 Aug; to 3 Dec*)

Current inquiries

Review of Administration and Expenditure No 6-Australian Intelligence Agencies

Review of Administration and Expenditure No. 7—Australian Intelligence Agencies

Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA) and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq (AQI) as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*

Reports

Annual report of committee activities 2007-2008 (presented 13 Oct)

Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of Islamic Maghreb as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (presented 13 Oct)

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS (Standing)

Membership

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