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## NOTICE PAPER

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING AS AT PROROGATION OF THE  
42ND PARLIAMENT AT 4.59 PM ON MONDAY, 19 JULY 2010

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*Notifications prefixed by an (\*) appear for the first time.*

## **BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**

### **Notices of Motion**

*Notice given 4 February 2010*

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 May 2010:
- (a) the effectiveness of the Australian Government's response to Australian citizens who are kidnapped and held for ransom overseas, including but not confined to the response of the Australian Federal Police, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the consular assistance in the relevant country;
  - (b) how the Australian Government's response in these situations compares to the approach taken by other countries; and
  - (c) measures that could be taken by the Australian Government to improve the handling of its assistance to Australian citizens and their families.

*Notice given 24 June 2010*

- \*2 **Senator Colbeck:** To move—That the Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010, made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, be disallowed. [F2010L00688]  
*Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*
- \*3 **Senator Colbeck:** To move—That the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport Amendment 2010 (No. 1), made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, be disallowed. [F2010L00669]  
*Fifteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.*

### **Orders of the Day**

**On 30 July 2010**

- 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**  
Final report to be presented on sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**On 31 July 2010**

- \*3 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**  
Report to be presented on biosecurity for Chinese apples and the Australia - US cherry trade.

**On 6 August 2010**

- 4 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program.

**On 11 August 2010**

- 5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010—see Orders of the Senate—Committees.*)

**On 13 August 2010**

- 6 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the administration and reporting of NAPLAN testing.
- 7 Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented on the incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia.

**On 17 August 2010**

- 8 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 and the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010—see Orders of the Senate—Committees.*)

**On 23 August 2010**

- 9 Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented on food production in Australia.

**On 24 August 2010**

- 10 Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 11 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*12 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*13 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

- \*14 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*15 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*16 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*17 **Economics Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*18 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 19 **Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee**  
Final report to be presented on the Energy Efficient Homes Package.

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Notice of Motion

*Notice given 23 June 2010*

- 1 **Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That, on Thursday, 24 June 2010:
  - (a) consideration of government documents and the consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
  - (b) the routine of business from not later than 6 pm shall be government business only; and
  - (c) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm.

### Orders of the Day

*(ORDER WAS NOT DETERMINED BEFORE PROROGATION ON 17 JULY 2010)*

- \*1 **Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)**—(*Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*24 June 2010*).

- \*2 **Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2010**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (24 June 2010).
- 3 **Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010**  
**Income Tax Rates Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010**—  
(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 21 June 2010*).
- 4 **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010**  
**Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2010**—(*Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (15 March 2010).
- 5 **Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010**  
**ComSuper Bill 2010**  
**Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 6 **Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2009**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency 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*).
- 7 **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 15 March 2010*).  
(*Bill exempted on 29 October 2009 from the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation*)
- 8 **Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-HELP Loan Fee) Bill 2010**—  
(*Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (16 March 2010).
- 9 **Territories Law Reform Bill 2010**—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 22 June 2010*).
- 10 **Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Bill 2009**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (30 November 2009).

- 11 **Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010**—(*Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 13 May 2010*).
- 12 **Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Evans, 11 May 2010*).
- 13 **Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010**—(*Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 17 March 2010*).
- 14 **Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*26 November 2009*).
- 15 **National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 4 February 2010*).
- 16 **National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**  
**Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010**—(*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Stephens, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 17 **National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010**—(*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Evans, 11 May 2010*).
- 18 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009**—(*Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*17 March 2009*).
- 19 **Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2009**  
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 520 from the House of Representatives (*25 February 2010*).
- 20 **Order of business—Proposed rearrangement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)—That intervening business be postponed till after consideration of government business order of the day no. 6 (Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009) (*Senator Cormann, in continuation, 25 February 2010*).
- 21 **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*).

- 22 **Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2010**—(Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Arbib, 16 June 2010*).
- 23 **Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009**—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*4 February 2010*).
- 24 **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*).
- 25 **Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2009**—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009*).
- 26 **Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010**  
**Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Customs) Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Excise) Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—General) Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010**  
**Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2010**  
**Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2010**  
**Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Amendment (Household Assistance) Bill 2010**—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*24 February 2010*).  
(*The motion that the bills proceed without formalities, standing order 113(2), was negatived on 22 February 2010, 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.*)
- 27 **Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009 [2010]**—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*25 June 2009*).
- 28 **Budget statement and documents 2010-11**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (*adjourned, Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), 13 May 2010*).
- 29 **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*).

**30 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 Publications—Standing Committee—Report—Inquiry into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).

**\*2 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—Report—Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Fisher)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).

**\*3 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—The hidden toll: Suicide in Australia**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Moore, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).

**4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Final report—The possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Heffernan—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 23 June 2010*).

**5 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Enabling Australia: Inquiry into the migration treatment of disability**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 22 June 2010*).

**6 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report—Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ryan—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Collins, in continuation, 21 June 2010*).

**7 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report—Electoral and Referendum Amendment (How-to-Vote Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions]**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

**8 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010 [Provisions]**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator O'Brien—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

**9 National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Final report**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

**10 Economics Legislation Committee—Report—Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010 [Provisions]**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Bushby, 17 June 2010*).

**11 National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Fourth interim report**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Macdonald)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

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

**1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Contracting for Defence Force recruiting services—Department of Defence**  
Consideration (*17 June 2010*).

**2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Child support reforms: Building a better Child Support Agency—Department of Human Services**  
Consideration (*22 June 2010*).

**3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Management of live animal imports—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
Consideration (*23 June 2010*).

**4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Community intelligence – collecting and processing tip-offs—Australian Taxation Office**  
Consideration (*23 June 2010*).

**\*5 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 49 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Defence's management of health services to Australian Defence Force personnel in Australia—Department of Defence**  
Consideration (*24 June 2010*).

- \*6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 50 of 2009-10—Financial statement audit—Interim phase of the audit of financial statements of major general government sector agencies for the year ending 30 June 2010**  
Consideration (24 June 2010).

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 13 February 2008*

- 18 **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 3 February 2010*

- 694 **Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding):** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to prevent unauthorised access to personal information on electoral rolls, and for related purposes. ***Protection of Personal Information Bill 2010.***

*Notice given 24 June 2010*

- \*860 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) triazines are banned throughout Europe because of their impact on public health and the environment, yet they are still allowed to be used in Australia,
    - (ii) as Leader of the Tasmanian Greens in the early 1990s, Senator Milne called for a ban on the use of triazines in Tasmania, following the contamination of Olivers Creek at Lorinna,
    - (iii) the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (the authority) took 11 years to review the use of atrazines and came up with recommendations that are simply insufficient, and
    - (iv) it is time that the Federal Government took a much keener interest in the contamination of river systems and the impact on human and animal health, with responsibility for this ranging across the environment, water, health and agriculture portfolios; and
  - (b) calls on the Government to ban the use of triazines until the authority can demonstrate that they are safe to use.

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

- 1 **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 Fisher, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 2 **Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 3 **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 (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 4 **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 (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 5 **Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

- 6 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 7 **Tourism Australia—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 8 **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, 17 June 2010*).
- 9 **Australian Electoral Commission—Election 2007—Funding and disclosure report**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 17 June 2010*).
- 10 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Outlook report 2009—Correction**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 17 June 2010*).
- 11 **Australian Electoral Commission—2009 redistribution of Queensland into electoral divisions—Report, together with maps and compact disc**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 17 June 2010*).
- 12 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—Communications report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McGauran, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 13 **Workplace Relations—Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Bilateral intergovernmental agreements—Order for production of documents—Documents [Response to part (2)]**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 14 **Workplace Relations—Fair Work Amendment (State Referrals and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Bilateral intergovernmental agreements—Order for production of documents—Documents [Response to part (3)]**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 15 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—2010 review on GST revenue sharing relativities—Volume 1: Main report**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cameron—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).
- 16 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 574/09 to 580/10—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

- 17 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand concerning a Joint Food Standards System**  
Consideration (10 March 2010).
- 18 **Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth and New South Wales—Final report on progress with implementation of NSW Regional Forest Agreements—Report of independent assessor, dated November 2009**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Abetz, in continuation, 17 March 2010*).
- 19 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with price control arrangements—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McEwen—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 17 March 2010*).
- 20 **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—National aviation policy: Flight path to the future—White paper, dated December 2009**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 17 March 2010*).
- 21 **Independent review of the administration of the Home Insulation Program—Report by Dr Allan Hawke, dated 6 April 2010**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Fisher, 17 June 2010*).
- 22 **Australia’s future tax system—Tax policy statement, together with report to the Treasurer—**  
    **Part one—Overview, dated December 2009**  
    **Part two—Detailed analysis, dated December 2009 (2 volumes)**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 12 May 2010*).
- 23 **Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2008-09**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 12 May 2010*).
- 24 **Taxation—Australia’s Future Tax System—Government’s response—Order for production of documents—Documents**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 25 **Environment—Home Insulation Program—Orders for production of documents—Documents**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

**26 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**27 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**28 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Attorney-General's portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**29 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Human Services**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**30 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**31 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Australian National Audit Office**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**32 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Australian Public Service Commission**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**33 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**34 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

- 35 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Finance and Deregulation portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 36 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 37 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—National Archives of Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 38 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 39 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 40 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Privacy Commissioner**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 41 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 42 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Old Parliament House**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 43 Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Treasury portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

- 44 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 45 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Defence portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 46 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Health and Ageing portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 47 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 48 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of National Assessments**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 49 **Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 50 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 51 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 52 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Human Services portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

- 53 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 54 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Attorney-General’s portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 55 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Australian National Audit Office**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 56 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Australian Public Service Commission**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 57 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 58 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 59 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Finance and Deregulation portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 60 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio agencies**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 61 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—National Archives of Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- 62 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**63 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Official Secretary to the  
Governor-General**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**64 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Privacy Commissioner**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**65 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of the Inspector-General of  
Intelligence and Security**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**66 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Old Parliament House**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**67 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of the Treasury**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**68 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Climate Change and Energy  
Efficiency**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**69 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Defence**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**70 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Health and Ageing portfolio agencies**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**71 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Education, Employment and  
Workplace Relations**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**72 Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—  
Document tabled 15 June 2010—Office of National Assessments**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

- 73 **Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents—Documents tabled 15 June 2010—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bushby—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Bushby, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).
- \*74 **Parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009, dated June 2010**  
Consideration (*24 June 2010*).
- \*75 **Former parliamentarians' expenditure on entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009, dated June 2010**  
Consideration (*24 June 2010*).
- \*76 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009, dated June 2010**  
Consideration (*24 June 2010*).
- \*77 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009**  
Consideration (*24 June 2010*).

### **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*)—*(Senator Minchin)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 70 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—*(Senator Ludlam)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).
- 71 **Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—*(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).
- 72 **Economics—Management of the economy**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fifield—That the Senate condemns the Rudd Government for its reckless management of the Australian economy in a time of global economic challenge, including:
- (a) the Government’s irresponsibility in talking down the Australian economy;
  - (b) the massive collapse in consumer and business confidence since the election of the Rudd Government;
  - (c) the delivery of a budget that forecasts an increase in unemployment;
  - (d) the Government’s raising of inflationary expectations and failure to honour its promise to address cost of living pressures; and
  - (e) the absence of a coherent economic strategy and a focus on presentation rather than policy (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 18 September 2008*).
- 73 **Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—*(Senator Siewert)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 24 September 2008*).
- 74 **Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—*(Senator Ludlam)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 75 **Environment—Caring for our country—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 76 **Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—*(Senator Milne)*  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), in continuation, 13 November 2008*).

- 77 **Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 11 November 2008).
- 78 **Renewable Energy Amendment (Increased Mandatory Renewable Energy Target) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Milne)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Milne, in continuation, 27 November 2008).
- 79 **Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(Senator Birmingham)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 3 December 2008).
- 80 **Administration—The first national security statement to the Australian Parliament—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (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*).
- 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*).
- 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 in 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)—(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*).

- 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*).
- 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*).
- 113 **Trade Practices Amendment (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Xenophon*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 26 November 2009*).
- 114 **Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2009**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 26 November 2009*).

- 115 **Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 3 February 2010*).
- 116 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Support for Whaling) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Siewert and Abetz)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 4 February 2010*).
- 117 **Economics—Cost of living pressures**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That the Senate notes the substantial increases in cost of living pressures on ordinary Australian families under the Rudd Labor Government (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 4 February 2010*).
- 118 **Indigenous Australians—Closing the gap—Ministerial statement**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Scullion—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 22 February 2010*).
- 120 **Culture and the Arts—Access to Australia’s National Archives—Ministerial statement**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 23 February 2010*).
- 121 **Renewable Energy—Electricity (Water Heaters and Phantom Certificates) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 24 February 2010*).
- 122 **Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Scholarship Payments) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 24 February 2010*).
- 124 **Ombudsman Amendment (Education Ombudsman) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 11 March 2010*).
- 125 **Law and Justice—Whistleblower protection—Ministerial statement**  
 Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Ronaldson, in continuation, 17 March 2010*).
- 126 **Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senators Xenophon and Hanson-Young)**  
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 18 March 2010*).

**127 Administration—Implementation of government programs**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate notes:

- (a) the Government’s mismanagement of major programs, including the Building the Education Revolution and the Home Insulation Program and other major government initiatives;
- (b) the incredible waste that has resulted from these mismanaged programs; and
- (c) the impact that the waste has had on Australian states (*Senator Bilyk, in continuation, 18 March 2010*).

**128 Commonwealth Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 12 May 2010*).

**131 Taxation—Rudd Government**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate notes the Rudd Labor Government’s waste and mismanagement of taxpayer money (*Senator Pratt, in continuation, 13 May 2010*).

**133 Administration—Government advertising—Ministerial statement**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ronaldson—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

**134 Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown))**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 16 June 2010*).

**135 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Proposed reporting date**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee present its report on the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No. 2] by 10 am on Thursday, 17 June 2010.

*And on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)—Omit “Thursday, 17 June 2010”, and substitute “Monday, 21 June 2010” (adjourned, Senator Parry, 16 June 2010).*

**136 Senate—Statements by the Prime Minister**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)—That the Senate notes the Prime Minister’s continued unprincipled attacks upon the Senate (*Senator Furner, in continuation, 17 June 2010*).

**137 National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 22 June 2010*).

- \*138 **Choice of Repairer Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).
- \*140 **Financial Management and Accountability Amendment (Value for Money in Government Spending) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Barnett*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).
- \*141 **Administration—Government service delivery**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate notes:
- (a) the ineptitude of the Rudd Labor Government to deliver promised services to the Australian people; and
  - (b) the mismanagement by the Rudd Labor Government in relation to:
    - (i) border protection,
    - (ii) migration,
    - (iii) Indigenous policy,
    - (iv) home insulation, and
    - (v) the Building Education Revolution (*Senator McEwen, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).

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## BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

### Next day of sitting (25 August 2010)

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

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

Report to be presented on the Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### General Business—Order of the Day

\*139 **Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Barnett*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 24 June 2010*).

### On 26 August 2010

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

1 **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010—see Orders of the Senate—Committees.*)

**3 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

**4 Community Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on new therapeutic groups under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

**\*5 Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

Report to be presented on the reform of Australian Government administration.

**General Business—Notice of Motion**

*Notice given 12 May 2010*

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

- (a) notes the calls from logging industry representatives in Tasmania and Victoria for an assistance package; and
- (b) calls on the Government to review the industry's circumstances with a view to aiding an early resolution of its problems.

*Notice of motion altered on 12 May 2010 pursuant to standing order 77.*

**General Business—Order of the Day**

**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*).

**On 30 August 2010**

**Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day**

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

Report to be presented on the Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement .

**2 Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

### **On 31 August 2010**

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

**1 Economics References Committee**

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

**2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

**3 Economics Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

#### 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.*

#### General Business—Orders of the Day

**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.*)

**130 Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 13 May 2010.*)

## **On 2 September 2010**

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

- 1 Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on access to planning options and services for people with a disability.
- 2 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Final report to be presented on equity and diversity health checks in the Royal Australian Navy.
- 3 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee**  
Report to be presented on Australia's administration and management of the Torres Strait.
- 4 Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia.
- 5 Economics Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- 6 Privileges—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on the *Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters*.
- \*7 Community Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on interactive and online gambling.

### **General Business—Notices 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.***

*Notice given 11 May 2010*

- 781 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) formally recognises the genocide committed against the Armenian people in 1915, including the massacre of up to 1.5 million Armenians;
  - (b) joins with countries including Poland, Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Lebanon, more than 40 states of the United States of America, the Vatican, the European Parliament, and also the states of New South Wales and South Australia, in condemning the 1915 massacre at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Government;
  - (c) notes that the intention of this recognition is to play a positive role in the healing process for the survivors of this event and their descendants; and

- (d) acknowledges that from 1915 to 1929, the Armenian Relief Fund of Australia provided humanitarian assistance to victims of the Armenian Genocide.

#### General Business—Order of the Day

- 132 **Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Green, Senator Bob Brown*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 15 June 2010*).

### On 21 September 2010

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

- \*1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Access to Justice (Family Court Restructure and Other Measures) Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Military Court of Australia Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)
- \*4 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

### On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2010 (22 September 2010)

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

- 1 **Legislation Committees**  
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2010.

### On 30 September 2010

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

- 1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented.
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**  
Report to be presented on a review of government discretionary payments in special circumstances.

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

Report to be presented on Industry Skills Councils.

**On 18 October 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

**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.*)

**On 20 October 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on online privacy protection.

**On 25 October 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

**1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Report to be presented on the Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

**129 Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 13 May 2010.*)

**On 28 October 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order 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.*)

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 17 November 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Reform of the Australian Federation—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

**On 22 November 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on biosecurity and quarantine arrangements.

**On 30 November 2010**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee**

Report to be presented on donor conception practices.

**On 11 February 2011**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Cyber-Safety—Joint Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

**On 1 July 2011**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation.

**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*).

**Reporting date to be determined after the introduction  
of legislation to establish the proposed  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on the future direction and role of the committee.

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**BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

**Access to Justice (Family Court Restructure and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*).

**Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010 [Provisions]†**

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*referred 26 May 2010; reporting date varied 15 June 2010; reporting date: 26 August 2010*).

**Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 2 September 2010*).

**Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 30 July 2010*).

**Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*).

**Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 26 November 2009; reporting date varied 13 May 2010; reporting date: 31 August 2010*).

**Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 [Provisions]†**

**Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010 [Provisions]†**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 2 June 2010; reporting date varied 15 June 2010; reporting date: 17 August 2010*).

**Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009‡**

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 18 October 2010*).

**Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions]†**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 26 May 2010; reporting date varied 15 June 2010; reporting date: 11 August 2010*).

**Military Court of Australia Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*).

**National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 16 June 2010; reporting date: 26 August 2010*).

**National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*).

**Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 25 August 2010*).

**Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 26 November 2009; reporting date varied 24 February 2010; reporting date: 26 August 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 varied 16 March 2010; reporting date varied 22 June 2010; reporting date: 28 October 2010*).

**Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 25 October 2010*).

**Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 31 August 2010*).

**Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*).

**Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010‡**

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 24 August 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.*

*† Referred pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010—see Orders of the Senate—Committees.*



## **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.

**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]**

Third reading negatived, 2 December 2009 (*continuation of sitting from 30 November 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.

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

Second reading negatived, 9 March 2010.

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009  
[No. 2]**

**Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe  
Benefits) Bill 2009 [No. 2]**

Second reading negatived, 24 February 2010.

**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**

**Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)**

Second reading negatived, 25 February 2010.

**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 1232 to 2984 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

#### *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, Energy Efficiency and Water on 17 February 2009*)

1233 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water

#### *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.

1799 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water

#### *Notice given 2 July 2009*

**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.

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- (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.

1925 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water

*Notice given 17 September 2009*

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

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

2345 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

*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.

*Notice given 27 October 2009*

2385 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency 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.

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- (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 4 November 2009*

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.

*Notice given 8 February 2010*

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2600-2635)—

- (1) On how many occasions has the current and/or former Minister and associated parliamentary secretaries in the current parliament, and any departmental officials: (a) met directly with representatives of Hawker Britton; and/or (b) attended meetings that were also attended by representatives of Hawker Britton.
- (2) For each abovementioned meeting: (a) what was the date; (b) what was the topic of discussion; and (c) which Hawker Britton representatives were present.

2603 Minister representing the Treasurer

2610 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

2611 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

2622 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 19 March 2010*)

2623 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

2628 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 19 March 2010*)

2630 Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 19 March 2010*)

*Notice given 22 February 2010*

2639 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (the protocol):

- (1) Why has Australia not ratified the protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

- (2) Will Australia consider ratifying the protocol before the Meeting of Parties in Nagoya, Japan, from 11 October to 15 October 2010; if so, what will be the process; if not, why not.
- (3) Has the issue of biosafety (the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity) been considered during the development of the national biodiversity strategy; if so, when and in what way.
- (4) (a) Which agency is responsible for reviewing and regulating biosafety in relation to biological diversity in Australia; and (b) what role does the department have in this matter.

*Notice given 25 February 2010*

2646 **Senator Humphries:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Attorney-General on 15 March 2010; further transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs on 18 March 2010*)—Are there any electronic gaming machines located on Commonwealth land; if so: (a) what are their locations; and (b) how many are at each location.

**Senator Humphries:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2647-2683)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio, how many redundancies were there for each of the following financial years: (a) 2007-08; (b) 2008-09; and (c) 2009-10 to date.

2662 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water

*Notice given 9 March 2010*

2692 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water—When will the report, *Risks from Climate Change to Indigenous Communities in the Tropical North of Australia*, which details research undertaken by the University of New South Wales in collaboration with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, be released.

*Notice given 10 March 2010*

**Senator Humphries:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2697-2732)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio, how many involuntary redundancies were there for each of the following financial years: (a) 2007-08; (b) 2008-09; and (c) 2009-10 to date.

2712 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water

*Notice given 15 March 2010*

2754 **Senator Scullion:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—With reference to the Council of Australian Governments' resolution to renegotiate the funding arrangements pertaining to the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, as at 1 March 2010: (a) what funding has been provided to each state and territory government through this agreement; and (b) how many houses have been constructed by each state and territory government through this agreement.

*Notice given 18 March 2010*

- 2758 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—(a) How many Internet sites has the Australian Communications and Media Authority banned; and (b) can a list of those sites be provided along with the reason why each was banned.

*Notice given 20 April 2010*

**Senator Milne:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2788-2790)—

- (1) (a) How have local communities been informed about the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership (KFCP); (b) who was informed; and (c) what feedback has been received on the proposed project.
- (2) Has there been a land tenure assessment performed on the land to be covered by the project; if so, what was the result of that assessment; if not, why not.
- (3) Has there been an attempt to gain the free, prior and informed consent of local Indigenous and forest dependent communities in relation to the project.
- (4) (a) Has the Government undertaken any contingency planning for KFCP in the event that it is not possible for country parties to agree on the inclusion of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and (b) is it anticipated that KFCP will become part of the voluntary carbon market.
- (5) (a) Does KFCP propose plantations as reforestation and an alternative source of income for local communities; and (b) is there anything in the design of KFCP that prevents plantations from being recognised for carbon credits.
- (6) Given that in its submissions to the UNFCCC in 2008 on KFCP, the Australian Government discussed the need to restrict forest conversion within Central Kalimantan at a province-wide level, can details be provided of: (a) what restrictions are currently in place in relation to forest conversion; and (b) what plans are in place for forest conversion across the province.

2788 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2789 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2790 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 30 April 2010*)

*Notice given 28 April 2010*

2795 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water—

- (1) How many departmental staff were, or will be, assigned to the planning and/or the implementation of the Government's proposed emissions trading scheme (ETS) on: (a) 1 July 2008; (b) 1 July 2009; (c) 28 April 2010; (d) 1 July 2011; (e) 1 July 2012; and (f) 1 July 2013.

- (2) How many current departmental staff are expected to be: (a) redeployed within the Australian Public Service (APS); and (b) retrenched from the APS, following the announcement of a delay in implementing the proposed ETS.
- (3) What is, or will be, the total annual cost of salaries for staff assigned to the planning and/or the implementation of the proposed ETS for each of the following financial years: (a) 2008-09; (b) 2009-10; (c) 2010-11; (d) 2011-12; and (e) 2012-13.
- (4) For the period 1 January 2007 to 28 April 2010, what was the total cost of all advertising, research and public relations activity undertaken by the department and/or its predecessor in relation to climate change.

*Notice given 30 April 2010*

2796 **Senator McGauran:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) For each of the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date:
  - (a) what was/is the total number of people on stress leave;
  - (b) what was/is the total number of males on stress leave;
  - (c) what was/is the total number of females on stress leave;
  - (d) what was/is the total number of days lost by those on stress leave;
  - (e) what was/is the average number of days taken for stress leave;
  - (f) what was/is: (i) the top 20 longest number of days taken for stress leave (including those still on stress leave), and (ii) the reasons for this stress leave;
  - (g) what was/is the two most common reasons taken for stress leave;
  - (h) (i) to which Government departments were those on stress leave attached, and (ii) how many for each department;
  - (i) what was/is the total cost (in dollar terms) of stress leave; and
  - (j) what was/is the top 20 individual dollar payouts for those on stress leave.
- (2) What therapeutic and/or medical facilities are provided for those on stress leave, for example, exercise trainers, gymnasium facilities, meditation, massage, holiday advisors or dietary experts.
- (3) For each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date, what handbook, guidebook or advice was/is given to participants on stress leave.
- (4) What is the legal definition of stress used by Comcare.
- (5) (a) What is the process to assess whether an employee is entitled to stress leave; and (b) is there an appeal process for the employee if they are assessed to not be entitled to stress leave.
- (6) What sections of the appropriate Acts relate to stress leave.
- (7) Is there a time limit on how long a person can be on stress leave.
- (8) Is there a dollar cap on the amount a person can receive when on stress leave.
- (9) For each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 to date, have any Acts or regulations relating to stress leave been amended or changed, for example, its definition, entitlements and/or its payout; if so, can a comparison be provided showing the full details of the changes, i.e. the wording of the Act or regulation before and after the change.

*Notice given 3 May 2010*

- 2800 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—
- (1) What percentage of monies due for collection under child support assessments is currently overdue by more than 30 days.
  - (2) What is the total amount of money outstanding by more than 30 days for child support payments.
  - (3) On an annual basis, for each of the past 7 years, has the incidence of non-payment of child support increased or decreased in percentage terms.
  - (4) What action is being taken to decrease the incidence of non-payment of child support.
- 2806 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the member nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development:
- (1) For each member nation: (a) what is the waiting time that is required to become a citizen; (b) what is the per capita migration intake; (c) what is the per capita skilled migration intake; and (d) what is the per capita refugee migration intake.
  - (2) Which countries provide for permanent recognition of refugees.
- 2813 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—
- (1) What was the original charge when the Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) was introduced in 1995.
  - (2) For each financial year from the introduction of the PMC to 30 June 2009: (a) how much revenue has been raised; and (b) how many liable passengers have paid the charge.
  - (3) (a) On which dates and by how much has the original charge increased; and (b) were these increases based on cost recovery; if not, what was the justification for the increases.
  - (4) What was the reason underpinning the introduction of the PMC.
  - (5) What is the definition of a 'liable passenger' in the context of the PMC.
  - (6) What class of passenger or other person is not required to pay the PMC on the grounds that they do not fall into the category of a liable passenger.
- 2814 **Senator Cash:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) What is the location and capacity of Australian immigration detention centres, including offshore facilities.
  - (2) What was the number of detainees held at these facilities as at: (a) 1 March 2007; (b) 1 March 2008; (c) 1 March 2009; and (d) 1 March 2010.
  - (3) Which company or organisation manages the respective facilities for the Commonwealth.

- (4) Given that on occasions detainees express their opposition to detention in a variety of ways, including non-compliance with a request to more serious incidents such as assaults on fellow detainees, assaults on staff, wilful damage to Commonwealth property, hunger strikes, failure to comply with a lawful direction, escapes and mass breakouts: Can a schedule be provided setting out the recorded incidents relevant to these categories for the period 1 January 2008 to 1 January 2010.

*Notice given 11 May 2010*

- 2820 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—What are the expenses and other costs accrued in the name of Mr Mike Kaiser since his appointment to NBN Co Limited in relation to: (a) travel; (b) airfares; (c) accommodation; (d) conferences; (e) training; (f) communications allowance; (g) broadband connection; (h) laptop and other information technology hardware and software; (i) vehicles; (j) hospitality; and (k) any other miscellaneous costs and expenses connected to his role and his office.

*Notice given 26 May 2010*

- 2829 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program, can all application forms for funding to date be provided for the 2009–10 financial year.
- 2830 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—With reference to the national security deportation assessment of Sheikh Mansour Leghaei:
- (1) Did the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Committee (the committee) write to the Australian Government on 21 April 2010 requesting that Sheikh Mansour Leghaei not be deported until it had considered his case.
  - (2) Has the Government responded formally to the letter from the Chief of the UN human rights treaty division who wrote on behalf of the committee.
  - (3) Has Sheikh Mansour Leghaei or his legal representatives been provided with a summary or an indication of the elements of the evidence the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation has collected against him.
  - (4) In this regard, how does the Government understand Australia's obligations under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, taking into account the committee's General Comment No. 33, paragraph 19 (CCPR/C/GC/33, dated 5 November 2009).
  - (5) Has the Government noted instances where the committee has expressed its indignation and found that the state has committed a grave breach of its obligations under the Optional Protocol, such as the committee's *Report of the human rights committee* (UN General Assembly Official Record, 49th Sess., Supp. No. 40, UN Doc. A/49/40, vol. 1 (1994), para. 411) and *Piandiong v. The Philippines* (Communication No. 869/1999, para. 7.4).

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- (6) Will the Government provide an assurance to Sheikh Mansour Leghaei that he will not be removed from Australia until the committee has finally determined his case on the merits, as required by the committee's interim measures request of 21 April 2010.
- (7) Did the current Attorney-General write two letters of support for Sheikh Mansour Leghaei describing him as 'an asset to the Muslim community in particular and the Australian community at large'.

*Notice given 31 May 2010*

- 2831 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—Did the Prime Minister dine with representatives from the superannuation industry at the Lodge on Monday, 24 May 2010; if so: (a) can a list be provided of all attendees; (b) on what basis were individuals invited to the dinner; (c) who compiled the invitation list; and (d) what was the total cost of the dinner.

*Notice given 2 June 2010*

- 2832 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs on 3 June 2010*)—With reference to the *Consultation paper for the review of war caused disabilities and pharmaceutical costs*, released on 7 May 2010:

- (1) (a) How many contractors were engaged in the preparation of the report; (b) what is the value of these contracts; and (c) how were the contractors selected.
- (2) How many disability pensioners are also pensioners with qualifying service under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.
- (3) What is the breakdown of disability pensioners with qualifying service (by age, conflict and rate of disability pension) who will be eligible under the Government's two options which are listed as recommendations in the paper.
- (4) How many veterans on a disability pension receive what was the Pharmaceutical Allowance which is now paid as the Veterans' Supplement.
- (5) How many veterans reached the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Safety Net for more than 60 scripts in 2009.
- (6) If the department keeps a record of the number of veterans who reach the Safety Net by month, what is the breakdown of veterans reaching the Safety Net by month in 2009.

*Notice given 3 June 2010*

- 2833 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the investigation by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) of contamination at the Sunland Freshwater Fish Hatchery near Noosa:

- (1) Why has the APVMA not taken any action on the veterinary reports provided as adverse event reports and the internationally published scientific data of aquatic toxicity caused by the nonylphenol and the alkylphenol group of detergents and wetting agents, given they were removed in 2006 from regulatory approval in the European Union, and have been implicated in causing some of the syndromes investigated in the Biosecurity Queensland Noosa fish health investigation.

- (2) (a) What legislative grounds does the APVMA have to appoint the Noosa Fish Health Investigation Taskforce to undertake an investigation of reported adverse events involving chemicals used according to their label; and (b) if there are no legislative grounds, why has the APVMA failed to commence its own investigation given the availability of numerous veterinary reports flagging the likely involvement of agrichemicals in serious impacts of fish reproduction and survival.
- (3) Why has the APVMA stated on its website that there is 'no evidence' of the involvement of chemicals in the Noosa fish health investigation when it has in its possession over 500 pages of veterinary reports with multiple lines of evidence which are strongly suggestive that chemicals are the necessary cause for all of the events observed (malformations and mortalities) at Sunland Freshwater Fish Hatchery, due to air blast spraying on the neighbouring macadamia farm and chemical pollution of the Noosa River.

*Notice given 16 June 2010*

- 2835 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Can details be provided as to which legislative regime recovery procedures, as applicable to banks, are administered and regulated.
- 2836 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—(a) What steps or procedures are banks and lending institutions required to undertake before enforcing their securities; and (b) is there a prescribed level of consultation with the customer.
- 2837 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Where a bank decides to enter into possession itself under its securities (rather than appointing an external administrator), what is the decision process on this, and why, for example, is a receiver not appointed.
- 2838 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—When banks make a decision to commence recovery procedures of their securities, are they required to take into account the rights of employees to unpaid wages and other entitlements.
- 2839 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Is there a prescription in recovery of securities procedures that employee entitlements are given a higher priority in respect of any fixed and floating charge security a bank holds (not including fixed mortgage security); if so, what is the current prescribed process.
- 2840 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—If employee entitlements were to be given a higher priority in respect of any fixed and floating charge security a bank holds, would this not make a bank more proactive in monitoring loans it has and in ensuring a situation is not allowed to deteriorate to a position where only a secured creditor recovers their funds.

- 2841 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—If a bank receives a series of offers for a secured liability: (a) how are these evaluated; and (b) is the decision on which offer to take documented.
- 2842 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Do bank staff receive formal training in the realisation of assets.
- 2843 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—(a) How much training are banks and lending institutions required to undertake each year in training their staff in the recovery of securities; (b) in what areas is this training provided; and (c) who provides this training.
- 2844 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Do bank staff have the same level of training and experience as insolvency practitioners to deal with all matters where the bank acts in its own right as mortgagee in possession.
- 2845 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—When any assets are, or property is, sold, does a bank take steps to minimise the costs incurred; if so, why do banks in most cases use higher priced law firms for often routine matters for which the customer is obligated to pay for under the security documents.
- 2846 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Is there any control over costs incurred, such as a quote obtained for advice on issues.
- 2847 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Who supervises the recovery process, and to whom are bank staff accountable for the issues that may arise.
- 2848 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Is there an external professional body that monitors the recovery activities of banks, to which aggrieved people can go to with complaints and to have the matter independently investigated.
- 2849 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Is there a code of conduct that bank staff have to observe in the recovery of securities; if so, how is it monitored and reported.

- 2850 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Is there a prescribed level of quality control on recovery procedures; (a) if so: (i) can details be provided of where this is documented in the form of a formal manual; and (ii) how and when banks and lending institutions that do have a formal process or manual are certified; and (b) if not, why not.
- 2851 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Are staff in the recovery area of banks and lending institutions permitted to be remunerated on their performance in recovering securities.
- 2852 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—If a loan is fully recovered with penalty interest, are staff members allowed, under the prescribed regulations, to receive a bonus or additional remuneration as part of their employment contract.
- 2853 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Does a bank require confirmation from every customer signing a guarantee that they have had the guarantee and its implications explained to them.
- 2854 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Have there been any situations where the banks' 'all Monies clause' has been used to try to attach a debt to people who were not even aware that they were responsible for the guarantee of a third party.
- 2855 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—When receiving funds from a prime borrowing, how is the decision to apply funds recovered to loans permitted to be made.
- 2856 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—Given that most people faced with a problem under a guarantee have little recourse other than the legal process, and that most cannot afford to pay for this: what assistance or help is provided for persons affected by recovery procedures by banks.
- 2857 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law on 13 July 2010*)—How much was lost by banks on defaulting loans in the 2008–09 financial year.
- 2858 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law—
- (1) Has the Government investigated reforms to insolvency laws so that the onus of responsibility falls on company directors to prove they have fulfilled their duties, rather than on creditors to prove they have not.

- (2) Did the Australian Labor Party propose changes to the law in this area before the last election; if so, how many of the promised reforms have been carried out.
- (3) Has the Government considered reforms to allow ‘pre-pack’ sales, as utilised in the United States of America and the United Kingdom to be part of liquidations; if so, what was the conclusion.

*Notice given 17 June 2010*

**Senator Humphries:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2859-2897)—Do any of the departments or agencies within the Minister’s portfolio consider that new or additional office accommodation may be required in the next 2 years; if so, would that accommodation be provided in Canberra; and if so, approximately how many staff are estimated to need accommodation in the new or additional offices.

- 2859 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 2860 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 2861 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2862 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 2863 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 2864 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 2865 Minister for Defence
- 2866 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 2867 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 2868 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 2869 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 2870 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 2872 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 2873 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 2874 Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water
- 2876 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 2877 Special Minister of State
- 2878 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2879 Minister representing the Minister for Sustainable Population
- 2880 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 2881 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 2882 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
- 2883 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 2884 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
- 2885 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 21 June 2010*)
- 2886 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 2887 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 2888 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

- 2889 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 June 2010*)
- 2890 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 2891 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 2892 Assistant Treasurer
- 2893 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 June 2010*)
- 2894 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
- 2895 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 21 June 2010*)
- 2896 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science (*transferred to the Minister for Defence on 21 June 2010*)
- 2897 Minister for Employment Participation
- 2898 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Has Tasmania committed \$90 million of new funds between the signing of the Supplementary Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement in 2005-06 and 2009-10, as required by clause 77 of the agreement (<http://www.daff.gov.au/rfa/regions/tasmania/rfa/supplementary>).
  - (2) Has Tasmania provided an annual acquittal of both parties' expenditure for Intensive Forest Management as required by clause 79.
- 2899 **Senator Joyce:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to the answers to questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 Budget estimates of the Economics Legislation Committee in relation to the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) under the Treasury portfolio: Given that Table 1 (Values underlying the charts) shows a measure of resource rents, can a full explanation of the derivation of this measure be provided, including the component data series for each of the years shown in the table, comprising total mining sales and service income, operating costs (including depreciation and excluding mining royalties and interest expenses), the allowance for corporate capital and the balance in the RSPT capital account.

*Notice given 18 June 2010*

- 2900 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Assistant Treasurer—What percentage of total loans by banks were defaulted in each of the following financial years: (a) 2004-05; (b) 2005-06; (c) 2006-07; (d) 2007-08; and (e) 2008-09.
- 2901 **Senator Joyce:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to Chart C1-1 (Mineral tax and royalties as a share of mineral profits) taken from *Australia's future tax system*, part two, volume 1, p. 226, in which profits are defined as 'Mineral profits before tax and royalties are measured using income less an allowance for corporate capital' and mineral profits are reported as equal to just under \$50 billion in 2008-09, and to the answers to questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 Budget estimates of the Economics Legislation Committee in relation to the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) under the Treasury portfolio providing data for resource rents, in which these rents are defined as 'taking into

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account total mining sales and service income; operating costs (including depreciation and excluding mining royalties and interest expenses) and an allowance for corporate capital' and are reported as equal to \$91.2 billion in 2008-09:

- (1) Can an explanation be provided for the differences between the measure of mineral profits and resource rents.
- (2) Can a detailed concordance be provided between the \$91.2 billion estimate for resource rents in 2008-09 and the approximately \$50 billion estimate for mineral profits in 2008-09.

*Notice given 21 June 2010*

2902 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) As a result of the Job Capacity Assessment Budget measure, over the forward estimates period for each of the following financial years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, how many income support recipients are estimated to: (a) not be paid a Disability Support Pension; or (b) if a Newstart or Youth Allowance recipient, not be classified as having a partial capacity to work.
- (2) What are the implications for a Newstart or Youth Allowance recipient of: (a) obtaining partial work capacity status; and (b) not obtaining partial work capacity status.

2903 **Senator Parry:** To ask the Special Minister of State—

- (1) What is the reason for the delay in the implementation of the transfer of responsibility for electorate office information technology from the Department of Finance and Deregulation to the Department of Parliamentary Services.
- (2) Is the cost of providing information technology services to senators and members more expensive at present than would otherwise be if the transfer had been completed.
- (3) Are there any legislative changes required to affect the transfer.
- (4) Does the Minister and Government support the change; if not, why not.
- (5) Does the Minister acknowledge there is bipartisan support for the transfer.
- (6) Does the Minister accept that this matter has been delayed for in excess of 12 months.
- (7) Does the Minister accept that the delay has been primarily occasioned by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

*Notice given 23 June 2010*

2904 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Given that the Australian Koala Foundation estimates the number of koalas left in Australia at just 43 000, does the Government recognise this as an accurate figure; if not, what is the Government's estimate of the koala population.

- (2) Given that the Minister has floated the idea of listing the koala as 'conservation dependent', even though both Queensland and New South Wales already list it as 'vulnerable', why is this lesser protection being considered before the Threatened Species Scientific Committee has made a decision on listing under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- (3) Why is the Government considering giving state governments responsibility to protect koala habitat when the widespread destruction of its habitat, through logging and land-clearing, has occurred on the watch of state governments.

2905 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Since 2007, has the department or any embassy received any complaints from Australian citizens who have alleged that they have been illegally detained, endured extended questioning and assaulted while in China.
- (2) (a) What actions has the Government undertaken to investigate any such complaints; and (b) what are the outcomes of any investigations.
- (3) Has the Government raised the issue with Chinese officials in Australia or in China; if so, have any commitments been made by China to ensure Australian citizens have access to consular or legal assistance if detained or arrested by police in China.

2906 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law—Will the Government ask the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to investigate:

- (a) in accordance with its commitment to 'assist and protect retail investors and consumers', the behaviour of the financial advisers that recommended the Timberwolf collateralised debt obligation product to small investors;
- (b) directors and officers of Basis Capital and Goldman Sachs' Australian office to ensure they have carried out their duties honestly and diligently in recommending the Timberwolf product without misleading or deceiving consumers; and
- (c) ratings agencies that gave the Timberwolf product a triple A rating to ensure that their recommendation was achieved via a means that was honest and fair and did not result in consumers being misled or deceived.

*Notice given 24 June 2010*

\*2907 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Why was approval given for Woodside Energy Ltd to carry out marine seismic and near-shore seismic refraction geotechnical surveys, starting on 25 May 2010, at Browse Basin and off the coast of James Price Point in the north-west of Western Australia, during the whale migration period when it is known that this area is one of the most significant humpback whale nurseries in the world.

- (2) Is the Minister aware that noise from oil and gas seismic testing can hinder whale communication and threaten the whale's ability to navigate, kill prey and reproduce.
- (3) Was this seismic survey assessed as a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; if not, why not.

\*2908 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) What criteria are used in the current government valuations of mandatory leases in the Northern Territory.
- (2) What opportunity is there for communities to seek independent valuations.
- (3) Who are these rents being paid to in the communities: the traditional owners or the entire community.

\*2909 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Considering there is a \$3.73 gap between what is paid for supply to a non-Indigenous client at an Approved Pharmacy (\$6.42) and the amount paid for the same item to be supplied to a remote Aboriginal Health Service client (\$2.69), what has been done to pay for the cost of dispensing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines at Aboriginal Health Services.
- (2) (a) How much was allocated to the 'Support Allowance' being paid by the PBS to pharmacies supplying PBS medicines to remote Aboriginal Health Services using the section 100 (*National Health Act 1953*) special arrangements over the 5 year duration of the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement; and (b) how was this distributed between the states and territories.
- (3) Can the payments made to individual Aboriginal Health Services be identified; if not, why not, considering payments made to Approved Pharmacies by Medicare Australia are based on work reports submitted by those pharmacies.
- (4) Are statistics for drug usage available under the section 100 arrangements; if not, why not.
- (5) Why, when in some places 30 per cent of the clients of Aboriginal Medical Services are non-Aboriginal, are these clients not allowed to be included in the statistics for the service or funding applications.
- (6) Why are Aboriginal Medical Services in Geraldton, Perth and Bunbury (i.e. under the 26th parallel) not included in section 100 arrangements.
- (7) Why are Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service doctors not fully funded when all doctors in Kimberley-based Aboriginal Medical Services are.

\*2910 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the average cost of a Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) review of medical technology.
- (2) What was the annual expenditure on hyperbaric oxygen therapy (Medicare item number 13015) for the following financial years: (a) 2004-05; (b) 2005-06; (c) 2006-07; (d) 2007-08; (e) 2008-09; and (f) 2009-10.

- (3) Is it true that the cost of the MSAC review of hyperbaric oxygen therapy exceeds the annual budget of Medicare item number 13015.
- (4) Why did the department commission another MSAC review of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (covered by Medicare item number 13015) when MSAC had recommended previously that 'for the treatment of refractory soft tissue injury resulting from radiotherapy, public funding should be recommended following the failure of conservative therapy'.
- (5) What is the annual cost of treatment for chronic wounds, in particular, ulceration.

*Notice given 25 June 2010*

- \*2911 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—For all passengers travelling on VIP flights requested by the Governor-General and listed in the Department of Defence document, *Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009*, can a list be provided of: (a) their full names and titles; (b) their positions and/or classifications; and (c) the reason for travel.

*Notice given 28 June 2010*

- \*2912 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Can a list be provided of all members of the Australian Landcare Council (ALC), including: (a) the member's name; (b) the member's state or territory of residence; (c) a brief resumé of the member; (d) the date on which the member was appointed; and (e) the term of the member's appointment.
  - (2) Has the membership of the ALC been publicly announced: (a) if so: (i) when, and (ii) did the ALC meet prior to the announcement and what was the purpose of that meeting; and (b) if not, why not and will the membership be made public, when and how.

*Notice given 30 June 2010*

- \*2913 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—With reference to the Government's policy of neither encouraging nor discouraging trade or investment in Burma:
- (1) Does the Austrade office in Bangkok and the Australian Embassy in Rangoon provide advice to Australian companies enquiring about the operating environment in Burma for business.
  - (2) Does the Austrade office in Bangkok and the Australian Embassy in Rangoon provide advice to Australian companies about country risk factors, economic governance, forced labour and consumer boycotts.
- \*2914 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy on 1 July 2010*)—Given that a total of only 29 Aboriginal Australians have ever received compensation for suffering as a result of exposure to British nuclear tests, and given the more generous budgetary and medical support recently extended to nuclear veterans, will the Government provide similar access to medical services to affected Aboriginal Australians.

\*2915 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) In addition to its statement alerting major stakeholders to the review, what measures were put in place by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to solicit responses to the discussion paper *The way ahead – Decisions and implementation options for the 400MHz band* from those who operate within the Citizens Band Radio Service (CBRS) UHF 476.4125 to 477.4125 MHz.
- (2) Why has the ACMA decided to allocate further channels to this service by reducing existing channel bandwidths from 25 kHz to 12.5 kHz (Wide-band to Narrow-band) spacing, thus increasing to 80 channels overall.
- (3) What investigation work was undertaken by the ACMA to support its decision.
- (4) Did the ACMA's Field Operations section provide assistance to determine the level of congestion; if so, (a) how many officers were involved in this process; and (b) were any monitoring stations or mobile field units used.
- (5) Given that the 400MHz band is congested, how many complaints received were from operators within the CBRS.
- (6) What additional information supported the inclusion of the CBRS as part of the major restructuring of the UHF waveband.
- (7) Given that costs will be incurred by a majority of users and also taxpayers, when considering government usage of this band, why are costs to be imposed on all users within the CBRS (either via modification of existing radio sets or the purchasing of new radios) and the owners of CBRS repeaters having to undertake modification.
- (8) How many licensed repeaters are there in: (a) Australia; and (b) each of the states and territories.
- (9) With reference to information available on the ACMA's website which states, 'In September 2008, the ACMA established a Working Group for the Review of the 400 MHz band under the guidance of the Radiocommunications Consultative Committee [RCCC] to: assist as appropriate with the review of the 400 MHz band; provide advice on issues related to the ACMA's ongoing review; and operate as a forum for in-depth consultation, as required, with major industry stakeholders on future arrangements for the frequency band 403–520 MHz (the 400 MHz band)': (a) how many times has the working group met since September 2008; (b) how does the working group reflect the majority of users excluding government services; (c) noting that the working group has received guidance from the RCCC, what information, if any, has been provided to it to assist it with its task; and (d) are there any plans to disband the working group.
- (10) What additional reforms, if any, are being considered by the ACMA for the CBRS UHF [Ultra High Frequency] section, and does this include a switch to digital transmitters.
- (11) Can the ACMA clarify its position on the operation of channels 22 (telemetry) and 23 (telecommand).
- (12) Are channels 22 and 23 currently used for voice communications; if so, how widespread is this usage.

- (13) What measures are being taken to ensure that these channels are not used for voice communications.
- (14) With reference to the CBRS UHF emergency channels 5 and 35: (a) what information is available on the level of interference being generated on these channels in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney; (b) will the level of interference increase considerably on these channels during the transition period; (c) how does the ACMA define 'non-emergency' traffic; (d) how many complaints been received from operators and emergency groups who provide a service on these channels; and (e) is the ACMA aware of issues relating to the activity by some operators on these channels in the Brisbane area and across the federal electorate of Longman to the north of Brisbane, and with this as an example, what is the ACMA doing to ensure that operators are aware of their obligations not to engage in non-emergency traffic on the emergency channels.
- (15) With reference to existing UHF CB [Citizen Band] equipment standards, is there a need for these standards to be amended to resolve ongoing problems across all input repeater channels.
- (16) Within the Radiocommunications (Citizen Band Radio Stations) Class Licence 2002, is there a provision which allows operators to use all channels, excluding emergency channels 5 and 35, if they are not within range of an operation repeater.
- (17) How many CBRS UHF repeaters are currently licensed: (a) across Australia; and (b) in each of the states and territories.
- (18) When considering that there are channels within the VHF [Very High Frequency] Maritime Mobile band and the CBRS (such as VHF 16 and 67 and CBRS UHF 5 and 35) specifically designed for emergency communications that remain under increasing pressure from users, what additional measures are being considered to resolve this issue.

*Notice given 2 July 2010*

\*2916 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) Which positions are being made redundant in the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) subtitling and news and current affairs areas.
- (2) What are the reasons for these cuts.
- (3) Will these cuts make a difference to the quality of SBS's news and current affairs coverage; if so, how.
- (4) Will the need to purchase pre-subtitled content, rather than subtitling programs in-house, change SBS's selection of programming; if so, (a) how; and (b) will it result in some language groups being better served than others.
- (5) Will the subtitles be different in any way to the subtitles SBS would have inserted in-house; if so, how.
- (6) Are these changes the result of the 'legacy of successive funding shortfalls' SBS mentioned in its 2009-2012 triennial funding submission to Government.

*Notice given 5 July 2010*

\*2917 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the Government’s announcement of \$15 million over 4 years from unallocated departmental funds to: ‘[e]stablish a comprehensive national applied research program to investigate and solve the most serious invasive plant problems across the most populated parts of Australia’; ‘[b]ring together national experts, land managers and relevant stakeholders to develop improved understanding about the information required to effectively manage the risks associated with the most important invasive plants in forests, pastures and native vegetation’; and ‘[e]nsure better coordination and information exchange between researchers, land managers and regulatory agencies for management of invasive species’:

- (1) What has happened to this \$15 million.
- (2) Is it true that this funding was to be in addition to a national research program planned to tackle fireweed.
- (3) Given that in May 2008 the Government announced a plan to set aside funding for a new national weeds research centre in its first budget, has this funding been set aside; if so, when is centre set to start operating.

*Notice given 14 July 2010*

\*2918 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to hyperbaric oxygen treatment and the Government’s Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC):

- (1) Has the number of Medicare claims on hyperbaric oxygen treatment been stable over the past decade.
- (2) Can the number of services provided over the past decade be provided on a yearly basis, by either calendar or financial year.
- (3) Given that MSAC has conducted a number of reviews into hyperbaric oxygen treatment: (a) how much has each of these reviews cost; and (b) what is the anticipated cost of the latest review.
- (4) Given that the validity of this treatment seems to be acknowledged through worldwide medical literature: (a) what are the technical medical issues that require MSAC to further investigate this treatment; and (b) on what basis did MSAC review the existing technology in relation to this treatment.
- (5) Given that it is understood that MSAC’s brief is to review new technologies not existing funded technology, are there any other examples where MSAC has reviewed existing funded technologies; if not, why has hyperbaric oxygen treatment been singled out.

\*2919 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs—

- (1) When was the AMAT Materials Engineering Pty Ltd report first forwarded by the Melbourne office of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to its Canberra office.
- (2) When, and at which office, did the ACCC receive: (a) the AMAT Materials Engineering Pty Ltd report; (b) the first HRL Technology report; and (c) the second HRL Technology report.

- (3) When did the ACCC decide not to pursue the matter.
- (4) When was this decision communicated to Mr Groombridge.
- (5) What was the reason for the ACCC not wanting to make these reports available to Mr Groombridge.
- (6) When were each of the AMAT Materials Engineering Pty Ltd report and the first and second HRL Technology reports received by the: (a) Melbourne office; and (b) the Canberra office, of the ACCC.
- (7) Did the ACCC receive a response to its letter to the Giant Bicycle Company, dated 29 November 2005; if so, when was this received.
- (8) (a) Why was 'seriousness' expressed in this letter; and (b) why was this not expressed in the ACCC's letter to the Parliamentary Secretary, dated 13 December 2005.
- (9) With reference to the AMAT Materials Engineering Pty Ltd report: (a) who commissioned it; (b) when was it commissioned; and (c) for what purpose was it commissioned.
- (10) Did the ACCC ever advise the Commonwealth Ombudsman of the existence of the ACCC's letter to the Parliamentary Secretary, dated 13 December 2005; if so: (a) by whom; and (b) when.
- (11) Was the Commonwealth Ombudsman advised of the existence of the ACCC's letter to the Giant Bicycle Company, dated 22 December 2005, advising that no further action would be taken.
- (12) Did the ACCC assert to the Commonwealth Ombudsman that the particular part of the bicycle in question had been examined by two bicycle specialists; if so: (a) on what basis was this claim made; and (b) what was the expertise of these specialists that allowed the ACCC to describe them as such.
- (13) Were the two tests referred to above undertaken by the Giant Bicycle Company's agents; if so, on what basis is it asserted that the tests were independent.
- (14) Does the ACCC have a copy of these assessments in written form.
- (15) Does the ACCC believe that Mr Groombridge received a copy of these assessments; if so, why and when did the ACCC come to that belief.
- (16) Did the ACCC ever receive a copy of a letter from Mr Groombridge requesting a signed copy of both or either of these assessments.
- (17) Did the ACCC receive a formal report from Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading in Tasmania; if so, when was it received.
- (18) What expertise exists in the ACCC to counter the HRL Technology report.
- (19) With reference to the correspondence sent to the ACCC by Mr Groombridge, dated 4 August 2009, enclosing a copy of his report, and in relation to the statements in his report alleged by the ACCC to be false and/or misleading, does the ACCC acknowledge that: (a) the same statements appear in ACCC correspondence; and (b) those statements appearing in ACCC correspondence are false and/or misleading; if not, what evidence can the ACCC provide to refute the allegations.

*Notice given 16 July 2010*

- \*2920 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—As at 30 June 2010: (a) how many uniformed staff were there in each of the three service areas (i.e. army, navy, air force); and (b) how many civilian staff were there in each of the service areas.
- \*2921 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many uniformed personnel were recruited to each of the service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force).
- \*2922 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010: (a) how many uniformed staff resigned from each of the service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force); and (b) how many civilian staff resigned from each of the service areas.
  - (2) For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010: (a) how many uniformed staff were made redundant or accepted severance packages in each of the service areas; and (b) how many civilian staff were made redundant or accepted severance packages in each of the service areas.
- \*2923 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many temporary civilian positions were created in the department and in the Defence Materiel Organisation.
- \*2924 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many temporary civilian positions existed in the department and in the Defence Materiel Organisation.
- \*2925 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many civilian employees were employed on contract and at what levels of remuneration.
- \*2926 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, what was the average cost in recruiting each new uniformed person into each of the service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force).
- \*2927 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, what was the total expenditure spent on recruiting.
- \*2928 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how much was paid to the Australian Defence Force prime recruiting agency for the provision of services.
- \*2929 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what net savings have been made in the Strategic Reform Program (SRP) ‘Provisional Savings and Costs – Gross SRP Stream Savings’ for: (a) information and communications technology; (b) inventory; (c) logistics; (d) non-equipment procurement; (e) Reserves; (f) shared services; and (g) workforce.
- \*2930 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what net savings have been made in the Strategic Reform Program (SRP) ‘Provisional Savings and Costs – SRP Stream Costs’ for: (a) information and communications technology; (b) inventory; (c) smart maintenance; (d) logistic; (e) non-equipment procurement; (f) preparedness and personnel and operating cost; (g) Reserves; (h) shared services; (i) workforce; and (j) Mortimer implementation.

- \*2931 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what net savings have been made in the Strategic Reform Program (SRP) ‘Provisional Savings and Costs – SRP Stream Net Savings’ for: (a) information and communications technology; (b) inventory; (c) smart maintenance; (d) logistic; (e) non-equipment procurement; (f) preparedness and personnel and operating cost; (g) Reserves; (h) shared services; and (i) workforce.
- \*2932 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what net savings have been made in the Strategic Reform Program ‘Other Savings’ for the following areas: (a) zero based budgeting review; (b) minor capital program; (c) facilities program; (d) administrative; and (e) productivity.
- \*2933 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications’: How many full-time equivalent uniformed personnel were employed in the military workforce: (a) as at 30 June 2010; and (b) as at 1 July 2009.
- \*2934 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Military Workforce’: How many full-time equivalent civilian personnel were employed in implementing the White Paper initiatives: (a) as at 30 June 2010; and (b) as at 1 July 2009.
- \*2935 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Military Workforce’: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, how many full-time equivalent uniformed personnel were employed in implementing the White Paper initiatives.
- \*2936 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Military Workforce’: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what reduction has there been in the number of full-time equivalent personnel employed in implementing: (a) efficiency improvements; (b) civilianisation; and (c) support productivity improvements.
- \*2937 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Military Workforce’: As at 30 June 2010, what increase or reduction has there been in full-time equivalent civilian personnel employed in the department and in the Defence Materiel Organisation since 1 July 2008.
- \*2938 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Civilian Workforce’: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, how many full-time equivalent personnel were employed as Australian Public Service staff or contractors.
- \*2939 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program (SRP) ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Civilian Workforce’: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, how many full-time equivalent Australian Public Service staff or contractors were employed on White Paper/SRP initiatives.

- \*2940 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Civilian Workforce’: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what reduction has there been in the number of full-time equivalent Australian Public Service staff or contractors employed in implementing: (a) efficiency improvements; (b) civilianisation; (c) support productivity improvements; (d) contractor conversion (reduction to contractors); and (e) support productivity improvements.
- \*2941 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the White Paper and the Strategic Reform Program ‘Indicative Workforce Implications – Civilian Workforce’: As at 30 June 2010, what increase or reduction has there been in full-time equivalent Australian Public Service staff or contractors employed since 1 July 2008.
- \*2942 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, which submarines in the Royal Australian Navy fleet were fully operational with a full crew complement and capable of completing Unit Ready Days.
- \*2943 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) which submarines in the Royal Australian Navy fleet were non-operational; (b) for each submarine that was non-operational, what was the reason for its non-operational status; (c) what was the cost of maintaining the six submarines; (d) what was the total cost of operating the six submarines; and (e) what were the crewing complements for each of the six submarines.
- \*2944 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010: (a) how many fully qualified personnel are ‘Dolphin Qualified’ and permanently employed in the Royal Australian Navy to operate submarines; and (b) how many ‘Dolphin Qualified’ personnel were tasked with other duties and what were these duties?
- \*2945 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many personnel fully completed training courses and became ‘Dolphin Qualified’ and eligible to serve on submarines.
- \*2946 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, how many personnel completed training courses and became ‘Perisher Qualified’ and eligible to command a submarine.
- \*2947 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—As at 30 June 2010, how many Royal Australian Navy personnel are ‘Perisher Qualified’ and eligible to command a submarine.
- \*2948 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, which submarines were undergoing maintenance/refit programs and for what length of time.
- \*2949 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010:
- (1) Which naval vessels were fully operational with a full crew complement.
  - (2) For each naval vessel that was non-operational, what was the reason for its non-operational status.
  - (3) What were the operational strengths on all naval vessels of the:
    - (a) engineering officers and sailors; and
    - (b) non-engineering officers and sailors.

\*2950 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—Given that video communications are integrated into robots, soldiers and unmanned aerial vehicles, network-centric warfare is becoming the organising principle of war fighting, and frontline demands for bandwidth are rising at a rapid rate: For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, what did the Australian Defence Force do and how much did it spend on: (a) establishing a network-centric warfare capability; and (b) addressing the issue of increased bandwidth.

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2951-\*2953)—

- (1) For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, for each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, how much was spent on media monitoring.
- (2) As at 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010: (a) how many staff were employed in public relations and/or the media in the department or each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; (b) what were the position levels of these staff; and (c) how many of these staff were: (i) permanent, (ii) temporary, or (iii) contractors.

\*2951 Minister for Defence

\*2952 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2953 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2954-\*2956)—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010, for each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary: (a) what communications programs were undertaken or were planned to be undertaken; and (b) what was the total spend in each communications program.

\*2954 Minister for Defence

\*2955 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2956 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2957-\*2959)—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010:

- (1) (a) What was the hospitality spend for each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for each hospitality event, can the following details be provided: (i) the date, (ii) the location, (iii) the purpose, and (iv) the cost.
- (2) Can details be provided of the total hospitality spend for the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.

\*2957 Minister for Defence

\*2958 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2959 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2960-\*2962)—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010:

- (1) (a) Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travel overseas on official business; if so: (i) to what destination, (ii) for what duration, and (iii) for what purpose; and (b) what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

- (2) (a) Which departmental and uniformed personnel accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for those personnel, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) Apart from ministerial staff and uniformed and civilian departmental personnel, who else accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

\*2960 Minister for Defence

\*2961 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2962 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2963-\*2965)—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010 and for each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) How many freedom of information (FOI) requests were received.
- (2) How many FOI requests were granted or denied.
- (3) How many conclusive certificates were issued in relation to FOI requests.

\*2963 Minister for Defence

\*2964 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2965 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2966-\*2968)—For each portfolio/agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency.
- (2) What was the commencement date of each review.
- (3) When will each review conclude.
- (4) (a) Which reviews were completed in the period 1 January to 30 June 2010; and (b) when will the Government respond to the each of these reviews.
- (5) As at 30 June 2010, what was the cost of each of these reviews.

\*2966 Minister for Defence

\*2967 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel

\*2968 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

\*2969 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) With reference to the acquisition of the first 14 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) aircraft: (a) what is the expected expenditure on the acquisition; (b) what is supplied as equipment, supporting systems, weapons, services or infrastructure to the Australian Defence Force (ADF); (c) when will these aircraft be delivered; (d) when will they become fully operational; and (e) what is the estimated through-life support and operating costs for these aircraft over an expected 30 year period of operation.

- (2) When will the remaining 86 F-35 JSF be purchased (as referenced in the *Defence White Paper 2009*, p. 78, paragraph 9.60, ‘The Government has decided that it will acquire around 100 F-35 JSF, along with supporting systems and weapons. The first stage of this acquisition will acquire three operational squadrons comprising not fewer than 72 aircraft’).
- (3) With reference to the acquisition of the remaining 58 to 86 F-35 JSF: (a) what is the expected expenditure on the acquisition; (b) what will be supplied as equipment, supporting systems, weapons, services or infrastructure to the ADF; (c) when will the aircraft be delivered; (d) when will they become fully operational; (e) where will the JSF squadrons be based, and when; and (e) what is the estimated through-life support and operating costs over an expected 30 year period of operation.
- (4) Is it anticipated that the F-35 JSF will land at Darwin on a regular and continuing basis.
- (5) Is there any intention of basing any F-35 JSF at Darwin in the next 15 years.

\*2970 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is it still planned to acquire 12 submarines as per the White Paper direction ‘the Government takes the view that our future strategic circumstances necessitate a substantially expanded submarine fleet of 12 boats in order to sustain a force at sea’ (*Defence White Paper 2009*, p. 64, paragraph 8.40).
- (2) What plans and strategies are in place to man the 12 future submarines when there was great difficulty in 2009 manning and operating just one submarine.
- (3) What is the expected cost of acquiring 12 future submarines.
- (4) Will the submarines be built or assembled in South Australia.
- (5) When is it expected that the first pass approval will be provided to advance the purchase of the 12 future submarines.
- (6) What is the expected through-life support and operating costs of a fleet of 12 future submarines over a 30 year operating period.
- (7) When is it envisaged that the first of the 12 future submarines will be launched and fully operational.
- (8) What is the expected cost per year of maintaining our 6 Collins Class submarines until they are de-commissioned
- (9) What is the phasing-out program for the existing Collins Class submarines.
- (10) In regard to the 4 potential submarine builders, or similar, who were provided approximately \$300 000 each to prepare reports on their submarine product that may be suitable as a future submarine for Australia: (a) who are these submarine builders; (b) can copies of these reports be provided; (c) who evaluated these reports and at what cost; and (d) can a copy of this evaluation be provided.
- (11) Is a nuclear powered option being considered for Australia’s future submarine.

- \*2971 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) When will the final decision be made to ‘introduce 46 new MRH-90 helicopters as a pooled fleet shared between the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Army to replace the Navy’s Sea Kings and Army’s general troop lift Blackhawk fleets’ (*Defence White Paper 2009*, p. 72, paragraph 9.17).
  - (2) When will the first of these helicopters be delivered and fully operational.
  - (3) What type or variant of the MRH-90 has been recommended for purchase.
  - (4) What will be the expected purchase price of the 46 new MRH-90 helicopters.
  - (5) What will be the total cost of through-life support and operating costs of the MRH-90 over a 30 year operating life.
- \*2972 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) With reference to the Government commissioned report, *2008 Audit of the Defence Budget* which identified that ‘a real growth rate of 3.5% in capital expenditure on SME [Specialised Military Equipment] [is required] just to replace today’s equipment. To deliver the capabilities proposed in the recommended Force Structure Option requires a growth rate of 4.2%’: What will be the amount required to fund, in nominal dollars, the major capital equipment program each year from 2010-11 to 2029-30, so as to fund the White Paper ‘Force 2030’ initiatives.
  - (2) With reference to the report, *The Cost of Defence: ASPI Defence Budget Brief 2010-11* which states, ‘on the basis of long-term trends in defence costs, it is unlikely that the promised 2.2% real growth post 2017-18 will be adequate to sustain let alone expand the ADF [Australian Defence Force] as planned. In other words, the plan was probably not affordable to begin with’: How will the Government fund its Defence White Paper commitments when funding drops to 2.2 per cent real growth per annum, below that that needed to sustain the ADF.
- \*2973 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the Strategic Reform Program: For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what provisional savings of the forecasted \$529 million have been made; (b) can a detailed explanation be provided of where these savings have been realised; and (c) what one-off savings been made.
- \*2974 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, what productivity improvement savings have been made by the department and by the Defence Materiel Organisation.
- \*2975 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what savings have been made in reducing the cost of combat capability through the use of Reserves and deployable contractors; and (b) have any one-off savings been made.
- \*2976 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what total productivity improvement savings of the forecasted \$5.1 billion have been made in Smart Sustainment reform; and (b) what one-off savings been made.

- \*2977 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what savings of the expected \$4.4 billion over the period 2009 to 2019 have been made in the implementation of smart maintenance techniques; and (b) what one-off savings been made.
- \*2978 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what savings of the expected \$700 million over the period 2009 to 2019 have been made in the optimising of inventory holdings and the introducing of more efficient management techniques; and (b) what one-off savings been made.
- \*2979 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what savings of the expected \$320 million over the period 2009 to 2019 have been made in Storage and Distribution (Logistics) Reform with the adoption of automated technologies and improved business practices; and (b) what one-off savings been made.
- \*2980 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—
- (1) From which areas of expenditure will the \$912 million out of \$1.1 billion worth of enhanced force protection measures be made.
  - (2) Why has \$3.4 billion been removed from Defence funding in 2013-14.
  - (3) Why will there be \$162 million less to spend in 2011 on the capital facilities program and \$268 million less the following year.
  - (4) Why did the Government cease disclosing deferrals in expenditure in the 2008-09 Budget which has continued through to the 2010-11 Budget.
  - (5) (a) What is the total value of deferrals in expenditure since 2008-09; and (b) why have these deferrals been made.
  - (6) What percentage increase, if any, will be made to enable future capital equipment initiatives over the forward estimates period.
  - (7) As it is not clear in the 2010-11 Budget, what projects are planned for approval in 2010-11.
  - (8) (a) What programs in 2010-11 will now have to be resourced through absorbed costs; and (b) what programs have been cancelled or deferred to enable these costs to be absorbed.
  - (9) Where in the 2010-11 Budget is it possible to find details of the savings made in 2009-10 under the Strategic Reform Program (SRP).
  - (10) Of the \$20.6 billion worth of savings under the SRP, it would appear that \$4.6 billion of this is a reallocation of funds rather than a savings: How can this claim of savings be made when it is in fact a reallocation of funds.
  - (11) Under the SRP, why has the number of civilian employees to be cut been reduced from the forecast 3 125 to 1 708.

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos \*2981-\*2982)—For the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010: (a) what 'First Pass' Project approvals have been made; and (b) what 'Second Pass' Project approvals have been made.

\*2981 Minister for Defence

\*2982 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Materiel and Science

\*2983 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Defence—For the period 1 January to 30 June 2010:

- (1) (a) How many training days have been allocated to Reserves in each state and territory; and (b) what is the budget allocation to provide these training days.
- (2) (a) How many training days were actually used by Reserves in each state and territory; and (b) what was the actual expenditure to provide these training days.

*Notice given 19 July 2010*

\*2984 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) For the 3 year period up to 2020, using the price forecast used in standard treasury modelling, what revenue will be raised from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax, based on price assumptions for coal and iron ore as used in the Treasury modelling for the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of the company tax reduction during that period.
- (3) Is there any risk that the additional net revenue from the Minerals Resource Rent Tax will fall short of the estimated reduction in revenues from company tax; if so, how great is that risk; if not, how safe is that assumption and why.

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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*

Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy  
Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

*Finance and Public Administration*

Finance and Deregulation  
Human Services  
Parliament  
Prime Minister and Cabinet

*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; amended 12 May 2010.)*

**2 Legislation committees—Referral of time critical bills**

That—

- (1) To ensure appropriate consideration of time critical bills by Senate committees, the provisions of all bills introduced into the House of Representatives after 13 May 2010 and before 3 June 2010 that contain provisions commencing on or before 1 July 2010 (together with the provisions of any related bill) are referred to committees for inquiry and report by 15 June 2010.
- (2) The committee to which each bill is referred shall be determined in accordance with the order of 13 February 2008 allocating departments and agencies to standing committees.
- (3) A committee to which a bill has been referred may determine, by unanimous decision, that there are no substantive matters that require examination and report that fact to the Senate.
- (4) This order does not apply in relation to bills which contain no provisions other than provisions appropriating revenue or moneys (appropriation bills).

*(Agreed to 13 May 2010.)*

**3 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.)*

**4 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

**5 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.)*

**6 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.)*

**7 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.)*

**8 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.

**9 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

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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.

**10 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.

**11 2008-09 Additional estimates—Answers to questions**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2008-09 additional estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications and the Arts	Thursday, 9 April 2009
Finance and Public Administration	Thursday, 9 April 2009
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Tuesday, 14 April 2009
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Wednesday, 15 April 2009

**Group B:**

Community Affairs	Wednesday, 8 April 2009
Economics	Friday, 17 April 2009
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Thursday, 9 April 2009
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 9 April 2009

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

**12 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.

**13 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.

**14 2009-10 Additional estimates—Answers to questions**

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

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications and the Arts      Friday, 26 March 2010  
Finance and Public Administration      Friday, 26 March 2010  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs      Friday, 26 March 2010  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport      Wednesday, 14 April 2010

**Group B:**

Community Affairs      Thursday, 1 April 2010  
Economics      Thursday, 1 April 2010  
Education, Employment and Workplace  
Relations      Thursday, 1 April 2010  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade      Thursday, 1 April 2010

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

**15 2010-11 Budget estimates—Answers to questions**

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2010-11 additional estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**

Environment, Communications and the Arts      Friday, 30 July 2010  
Finance and Public Administration      Friday, 9 July 2010  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs      Friday, 9 July 2010  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport      Wednesday, 21 July 2010

**Group B:**

Community Affairs      Friday, 30 July 2010  
Economics      Friday, 30 July 2010  
Education, Employment and Workplace  
Relations      Friday, 30 July 2010  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade      Friday, 30 July 2010

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

## Legislation

### 16 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.)*

## Meeting of Senate

### 17 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

### 18 Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document

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

*(Motion of Senator Minchin agreed to 15 May 2008; document tabled 19 June 2008.)*

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

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

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

**20 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, Fisher and Minchin agreed to 27 August 2008; statements by leave made 27 August and 1 September 2008.)*

**21 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.)*

**22 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 Senator Minchin agreed to 4 February 2009.)*

**23 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 noon 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.)*

**24 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.)*

**25 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 paragraphs (2)(a) and (2)(b) are laid on the table.

*(Motion of Senator Minchin agreed to 13 May 2009; documents presented 26 October 2009.)*

**26 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.)*

**27 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.)*

**28 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 noon 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 to 17 August 2009,
  - (ii) any modelling conducted within government in the lead up to the announcements of these budget measures and any subsequent modelling 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,

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- (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.)*

**29 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 noon 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.)*

**30 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.)*

**31 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.)*

**32 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.)*

**33 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;

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- 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 noon 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.)*

**34 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” (9.59 am, 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 5 pm 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; documents tabled 18 November 2009.)*

**35 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.)*

**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; documents presented 5 January and 7 January 2010 and tabled 2 February 2010; documents tabled 2 February and 4 February 2010; document presented 7 May 2010 and tabled 11 May 2010.)*

**37 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.)*

**38 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; document tabled 26 November 2009.)*

**39 Health—National Preventative Health Taskforce report—Order for production of document**

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*.

*(Motion of Senators Cormann and Barnett agreed to 26 November 2009; document presented 7 December 2009 and tabled 2 February 2010.)*

**40 Immigration—Asylum seekers—Oceanic Viking—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than 2 pm on 3 February 2010, documents outlining or including the following:

- (a) details of the formulation, discussions and approval of the letter from Mr Jim O’Callaghan, Minister-Counsellor Immigration, Australian Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia, entitled *Message to the 78 passengers on the Oceanic Viking*, dated November 2009, and the letter from Mr Andrew Metcalfe, Department of Immigration and Citizenship, to Senator Evans, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, dated 16 November 2009, including any arrangements, undertakings or special circumstances with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Indonesia regarding processing and resettlement of the asylum seekers from the *Oceanic Viking*; and

- (b) details of any committee involvement in relation to the letters referred to in paragraph (a), including:
- (i) the name of the committee,
  - (ii) the date, time and duration of the meeting of the other committee, and
  - (iii) details of all the attendees at each meeting, including the name and position of each attendee and the capacity in which they attended the meeting.

*(Motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells agreed to 2 February 2010; documents tabled 3 February 2010.)*

**41 Foreign Affairs—Solomon Islands—Landholder agreements—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, no later than 22 February 2010, the information referred to in the answer to question on notice no. 2366 (notice given 25 September 2009) regarding landholder agreements with Australian Solomons Gold Limited (ASG) for the Gold Ridge Mine project in the Solomon Islands and, specifically, the information the Government and the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation are relying on to assess ‘the impact on communities of the Gold Ridge Mine’ and the ‘negotiation process that culminated in ASG and landowners signing agreements’.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) agreed to 3 February 2010; documents tabled 22 February 2010.)*

**42 Taxation—Australia’s Future Tax System Review Panel—Report—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than 9.30 am on Thursday, 4 February 2010, the final report from Australia’s Future Tax System Review Panel (the Henry Review).

*(Motion of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) agreed to 3 February 2010; statement by leave made 4 February 2010.)*

**43 Education—Education Services for Overseas Students Assurance Fund—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) after sustained pressure in the Senate, the Rudd Government has finally released information about the financial position of the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Assurance Fund as at 31 January 2010,
  - (ii) the Government also announced additional funding for the ESOS Assurance Fund of \$5.1 million,
  - (iii) no information about the financial position of the ESOS Assurance Fund after 31 December 2008 had been made publicly available until 22 February 2010,
  - (iv) in 2008 the ESOS Assurance Fund lost \$1.3 million and was left with only about \$1.8 million in cash and cash equivalents,
  - (v) the financial position of the ESOS Assurance Fund would have been impacted by successive closures of private training colleges throughout 2009 and early 2010, and

- (iv) in 2009 other than the regular ESOS Assurance Fund levies imposed on relevant education services providers the Government had to go back to providers on an ad hoc basis to impose additional levies; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table, by 12pm on Wednesday, 24 February 2010:
  - (i) any documents and information about the target to be raised through regular contributions to the ESOS Assurance Fund set by fund managers in 2009,
  - (ii) total contributions made by relevant providers to the ESOS Assurance Fund in regular annual fund contributions in the 2009 calendar year,
  - (iii) any documents and information about the target to be raised through any additional special contributions to the ESOS Assurance Fund set by fund managers in 2009,
  - (iv) the total contributions made by relevant providers by way of additional special levies in the 2009 calendar year,
  - (v) the current estimated contributions of providers to the ESOS Assurance Fund and total estimated liabilities as a result of college closures for the 2010 calendar year,
  - (vi) the cost of managing the fund in 2009 and the estimated cost of managing the fund in 2010, and
  - (vii) all communications between the Minister, her office and the department and the ESOS Assurance Fund from 1 September 2009 to 22 February 2010 regarding:
    - (A) the financial viability of the fund,
    - (B) government contributions to the fund,
    - (C) annual contributions, and/or
    - (D) special levies.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 23 February 2010; document tabled 24 February 2010; documents tabled 11 May 2010.)*

**44 Environment—Commonwealth radioactive waste dump—Proposed sites—  
Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy, no later than 4 pm on 11 March 2010:

- (a) all reports submitted to the Federal Government by Parsons Brinkerhoff assessing and characterising proposed sites for a Commonwealth radioactive waste dump in the Northern Territory, including the final report submitted to the department on 18 March 2009, the CH2M HILL's peer review and the Parsons Brinkerhoff's response to that peer review; and
- (b) the anthropological report prepared by consultants, Mr Kim Barber, Mr Robert Graham and Dr Brendan Corrigan, for the Northern Land Council (NLC) and provided to the then Minister for Education, Science and Training (Ms Bishop) in 2007.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 25 February 2010; documents tabled 11 March and 15 March 2010.)*

**45 Communications—National Broadband Network Implementation Study—  
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 Wednesday, 17 March 2010, a copy of the National Broadband Network Implementation Study and government response.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 11 March 2010; statement by leave made 17 March 2010; document presented 7 May 2010 and tabled 11 May 2010.)*

**46 Economics—Home insulation program—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the persistent and continuing refusal of the Prime Minister and several other ministers to clarify when they were first told about inadequate training and safety issues for workers involved in the home insulation program,
  - (ii) reports that direct advice was provided to the Prime Minister and other ministers involved in Labor's home insulation fiasco about fraud, safety risks and training inadequacies in relation to the ill-fated program, and
  - (iii) reports that the home insulation program implemented was redesigned from that initially recommended by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts so as to spend the funds allocated faster as part of the stimulus package;
- (b) considers that public release of all information about what the Government knew about inadequate training and safety issues for workers is in the public interest; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Thursday, 18 March 2010, any information, including, but not limited to, letters, emails, spreadsheets, minutes of meetings, reports, and briefing notes, held by the Prime Minister, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Minister for Climate Change, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Government Service Delivery, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change, and their respective offices and departments, concerning:
- (i) safety warnings in relation to the home insulation program,
  - (ii) training issues in relation to the home insulation program,
  - (iii) fraud in the home insulation program,
  - (iv) the design of the home insulation program initially proposed by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, and
  - (v) changes made to the design of the home insulation program initially proposed by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

*(Motion of Senators Cormann and Birmingham agreed to 17 March 2010.)*

**47 Communications—National Broadband Network Implementation Study—  
Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, no later than 9.30 am on Thursday, 18 March 2010, the interim report of the National Broadband Network Implementation Study provided to the department in August 2009.

*(Motion of Senator Minchin agreed to 17 March 2010.)*

**48 Health—Therapeutic groups—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) recalls its action in disallowing three therapeutic groups established by determination of the delegate of the Minister for Health and Ageing in January 2010, with the objective of ensuring a full Senate inquiry currently being conducted by the Community Affairs References Committee was complete and had reported to the Senate prior to these measures being implemented; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by noon on Wednesday, 12 May 2010, any documents, records, advice or other information received, compiled, requested or commissioned by the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Department of Health and Ageing and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and its subcommittees relating to the determination and establishment of new therapeutic groups under the *National Health Act 1953* since 1 July 2007, including issues pertaining to interchangeability of medicines and products with such groups.

*(Motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells agreed to 11 May 2010; documents tabled 12 May 2010 and 16 June 2010.)*

**49 Education—Primary schools—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) under the agreement reached between the Commonwealth Government and the states, stimulus funding under the Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan is to be additional to existing state spending efforts,
  - (ii) as part of its inquiry into the Primary Schools for the 21st Century school building program, the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee is seeking to ensure that states and territories have maintained their planned spending on primary schools and have not reduced their spending as a consequence of receiving stimulus funding through the Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan,
  - (iii) the committee received evidence in November 2009 that maintenance of spending effort is being monitored through quarterly reports by the states and territories to Heads of Treasury,
  - (iv) the committee wrote to the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury (Dr Ken Henry) in December 2009 requesting copies of these quarterly reports,

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- (v) the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury wrote back to the committee, also in December 2009, declining to provide the reports on the basis that to do so would not be in the public interest as it would damage relations between the Commonwealth and the states, but noting that a decision on whether to provide the reports was ultimately a matter for the Treasurer (Mr Swan),
- (vi) the committee then wrote to the Treasurer on 8 February 2010, noting its disagreement with the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury's assessment that provision of the reports would damage relations between the Commonwealth and the states, and requesting provision of the quarterly reports by no later than 26 February 2010,
- (vii) having received no formal response, the committee again wrote to the Treasurer on 15 March 2010, asking that the reports be provided by 26 March 2010,
- (viii) when the Treasurer finally responded to the committee's correspondence on 20 April 2010, he refused the committee's request on the basis that to release the quarterly reports (either publicly or in camera) could reasonably be expected to cause damage to relations with the states and would therefore not be in the public interest, and
- (ix) the committee continues to disagree with the grounds advanced by the Treasurer for failing to provide the reports, for the following reasons:
  - (A) if all states and territories have complied with the requirement to maintain their spending effort, the committee does not see how any damage could be caused by providing evidence to confirm this fact,
  - (B) if any state or territory has not complied with the requirement to maintain its funding effort, it is an explicit feature of the National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan that such a failure may be made public, and
  - (C) state and territory capital spending on schools will ultimately be made public through various budget papers and reports and the committee is merely seeking this information in a more timely fashion in order to progress its current inquiry; and
- (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 13 May 2010, the quarterly reports as requested.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee (Senator Cash) agreed to 12 May 2010; document tabled 13 May 2010.)*

**50 Environment—Green Loans program—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, no later than noon on 13 May 2010, a copy of the following reports relating to the Green Loans program, as referred to by the Minister in her 10 March 2010 statement to the Senate (Senate *Hansard*, p. 1521):

- (a) the audit report by PricewaterhouseCoopers into the assessor accreditation process and adherence to the Protocol for Assessor Accrediting Organisations; and
- (b) the report of the independent inquiry in relation to contractual agreements and procurement processes entered into during the final design and implementation of the program.

*(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 12 May 2010; document tabled 13 May.)*

**51 Environment—Home Insulation Program—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts, no later than noon on 13 May 2010, a copy of correspondence from the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Mr Garrett) dated 14 August, 27 August, 28 October and 30 October 2009 addressed to the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) regarding the Home Insulation Program.

*(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 12 May 2010; documents presented 27 May 2010 and tabled 15 June 2010.)*

**52 Environment—Home Insulation Program—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than noon on 13 May 2010, a copy of correspondence from the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Mr Garrett) dated 14 August, 27 August, 28 October and 30 October 2009 addressed to the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) regarding the Home Insulation Program.

*(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 12 May 2010; documents presented 27 May 2010 and tabled 15 June 2010.)*

**53 Foreign Affairs—Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project—National Interest Assessments—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Trade, no later than 4 pm on 15 June 2010, the following:

- (a) documents containing National Interest Assessments on the Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Project (the project);
- (b) documents containing assessments of the project authored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, AusAID and the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism;
- (c) documents containing the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation environment and social impact assessment; and
- (d) any document benchmarking or evaluating compliance of the project with the Equator Principles or the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 12 May 2010; document tabled 16 June 2010.)*

**54 Environment—Mako shark and porbeagle shark—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong), by 13 May 2010, the following documents relating to the shortfin and longfin mako shark and the porbeagle shark during and since December 2008 when those species were listed on the United Nations Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (the convention):

- (a) all briefings from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (the department) to the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts in relation to the listings on the convention and subsequently in relation to listing the species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and
- (b) any briefings and advice received by the department or the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts from scientific experts or bodies or other government departments in relation to those three species.

*(Motion of Senator Siewert agreed to 12 May 2010; document tabled 13 May 2010.)*

**55 Taxation—Australia’s Future Tax System—Government’s response—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on Thursday, 20 May 2010, all modelling, costings, consultancy statements and other relevant documents used by the Government to inform its response to the ‘Henry Review’ (*Australia’s Future Tax System* report).

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) agreed to 13 May 2010; documents presented 26 May 2010 and tabled 15 June 2010.)*

**56 Finance—Fossil fuel subsidies—Order for production of documents**

- (1) That the Senate notes that at the G20 meeting in Pittsburgh in September 2009, the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) agreed to ‘phase out and rationalise over the medium term inefficient fossil fuel subsidies while providing targeted support for the poorest’ and further that the Prime Minister also agreed to report back to the G20 on how to implement this commitment.
- (2) That there be laid on the table by 10 am on 17 June 2010, any document that the Government provided to the meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at Busan, Korea, on 5 June and 6 June 2010, regarding the commitment to phase out fossil fuel subsidies, including:
  - (a) the implementation plans for the phase out as required by the commitment, including any assessment of the nature and size of fossil fuels subsidies in Australia; and
  - (b) any advice from the department to the minister in relation to these implementation plans and how the Government seeks to define ‘fossil fuel subsidy’.

*(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 16 June 2010.)*

**57 Environment—Packaging and beverage container waste management—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts, no later than 9.30 pm on Thursday, 24 June 2010:

- (a) the study by PricewaterhouseCoopers into estimating consumers' willingness to pay for improvements in packaging and beverage container waste management; and
- (b) the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics peer review of the study.

*(Motion of Senator Ludlam agreed to 22 June 2010; document tabled 24 June 2010.)*

**58 Administration—Advertising campaign—Exemption from guidelines—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Special Minister of State and Cabinet Secretary, no later than 2 pm on 23 June 2010, a copy of the draft: (a) letter to the Treasurer; and (b) statement to Parliament, both of which were prepared by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, and provided to the Minister on 14 May 2010, and which relate to the request from the Treasurer, of 10 May 2010, for an exemption from the *Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies* for the proposed advertising campaign relating to the Government's tax reforms.

*(Motion of Senator Ronaldson agreed to 22 June 2010; document tabled 23 June 2010.)*

**59 Environment—Energy Efficiency task force—Report—Order for production of document**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, no later than noon on 23 June 2010, a copy of the report prepared by the Energy Efficiency task force and provided to the Prime Minister in September 2008, as confirmed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in response to a question taken on notice on 25 March 2010 and received on 19 April 2010 by the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee's as the answer to Question 3 in its inquiry into the Energy Efficient Homes Package.

*(Motion of Senator Birmingham agreed to 22 June 2010; document tabled 23 June 2010.)*

## **Parliament**

**\*60 Meeting of Parliament—'Welcome to Country' ceremony**

That the Senate is of the view that the declaration of the opening of Parliament should be preceded by an Indigenous 'Welcome to Country' ceremony.

*(Agreed to 23 June 2010.)*

## **Question time**

**61 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.)*

## Senate

### \*62 Appropriations—Ordinary annual services of the Government

That, in accordance with the recommendation made in the 50th Report of the Appropriations and Staffing Committee, the Senate resolves:

- (1) To reaffirm its constitutional right to amend proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys for expenditure on all matters not involving the ordinary annual services of the Government.
- (2) That appropriations for expenditure on:
  - (a) the construction of public works and buildings;
  - (b) the acquisition of sites and buildings;
  - (c) items of plant and equipment which are clearly definable as capital expenditure (but not including the acquisition of computers or the fitting out of buildings);
  - (d) grants to the states under section 96 of the Constitution;
  - (e) new policies not previously authorised by special legislation;
  - (f) items regarded as equity injections and loans; and
  - (g) existing asset replacement (which is to be regarded as depreciation),
 are not appropriations for the ordinary annual services of the Government and that proposed laws for the appropriation of revenue or moneys for expenditure on the said matters shall be presented to the Senate in a separate appropriation bill subject to amendment by the Senate.
- (3) That, in respect of payments to international organisations:
  - (a) the initial payment in effect represents a new policy decision and therefore should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 2); and
  - (b) subsequent payments represent a continuing government activity of supporting the international organisation and therefore represent an ordinary annual service and should be in Appropriation Bill (No. 1).
- (4) That all appropriation items for continuing activities for which appropriations have been made in the past be regarded as part of ordinary annual services.

*(Agreed to 22 June 2010.)*

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## **CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

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

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

### **Government documents**

- 4 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)  
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***

- 5 **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**

- 6 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz):** 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 Abetz)**  
**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**

- 7 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.
- 8 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.

- 9 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**

- 10 **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.
- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**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**

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**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**

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**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**

- 14 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**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**

- 15 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz)**  
**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, Bishop, Boyce, Carol Brown, Cash, Crossin, Forshaw, Hurley, Hutchins, Ludlam, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, Ryan, Troeth and Trood

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**Standing Committees**

- **Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References Committees)**
  - Community Affairs
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- 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
- Reform of the Australian Federation (to be appointed when the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network concludes)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
- State Government Financial Management (final report—18 September 2008)

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- Public Accounts and Audit
- Public Works

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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, 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, Milne, 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 reports presented 18 June and 27 November 2009; final reporting date: 23 August 2010*)

Incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia (*referred 12 May 2009; reporting date: 13 August 2010*)

#### *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*)

Food production in Australia—Second interim report (*presented to the President on 27 November 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 30 November 2009*)

Food production in Australia—Third interim report (*presented to the President on 27 November 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 30 November 2009*)

### **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*)  
48th report—Appointment of the Clerk of the Senate (*tabled 26 November 2009*)  
49th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2010-11 (*tabled 13 May 2010*)  
50th report—Ordinary annual services of the government (*tabled 17 June 2010*)

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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 Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron, Fielding and Parry and Mr Chester, Mr Debus, Mr Hayes and Mr Keenan

*Current inquiry*

Operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (*adopted 14 May 2009; interim report presented 24 February 2010*)

*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*)  
Inquiry into the operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*—Interim report (*tabled 24 February 2010*)  
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2008-09 (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

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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, Mr Keenan 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*)

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2008-09 (*tabled 17 March 2010*)

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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: 28 October 2010*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009 (*referred 26 November 2009; reporting date: 31 August 2010*)

Plain Tobacco Packaging (Removing Branding from Cigarette Packs) Bill 2009 (*referred 26 November 2009; reporting date: 26 August 2010*)

Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010 (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 25 October 2010*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 16 June 2010; reporting date: 26 August 2010*)

\* National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 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*)  
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 (*presented to the President on 1 February 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)  
Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)  
Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2009 Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 (*tabled 10 March 2010*) and correction (*tabled 16 March 2010*)  
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)  
Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Healthcare Identifiers (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 March 2010*)  
Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)  
Health Insurance Amendment (Pathology Requests) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)  
Exposure draft and Paid Parental Leave Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 3 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Child Support and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] has no substantive matters which require examination] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

### **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 Coonan

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, 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, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (*referred 11 November 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2010*)

New therapeutic groups under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (*referred 25 November 2009; reporting date: 26 August 2010*)

Access to planning options and services for people with a disability (*referred 25 November 2009; reporting date: 2 September 2010*)

\* Interactive and online gambling (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 2 September 2010*)

#### *Reports 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*)

Hear us: Inquiry into hearing health in Australia (*tabled 13 May 2010*)

\* The hidden toll: Suicide in Australia (*tabled 24 June 2010*)

### **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, Mr Hartsuyker, Ms Owens 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*)

Report on the 2008-09 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act (*tabled 24 February 2010*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (*tabled 24 February 2010*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

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#### **Cyber-Safety—Joint Select Committee**

*(appointed 16 March 2010; additional matters referred 13 May 2010; final reporting date: 11 February 2011)*

##### *Members*

Senator Wortley (*Chair*), Mr Hawke (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Bushby, Ludlam and Lundy and Mr Danby, Mr Fletcher, Mr Perrett, Mr Oakeshott, Mr Ripoll and Ms Vamvakinou

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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 Bushby, Cameron, Pratt and Xenophon

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Tax Laws Amendment (Public Benefit Test) Bill 2010 (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 31 August 2010*)

Banking Amendment (Delivering Essential Financial Services for the Community) Bill 2010 (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 2 September 2010*)

\* Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 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*)

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009 (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated February 2010 (*tabled 3 February 2010*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 6) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Building Innovative Capability) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 9 March 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 March 2010*)

Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2010*)

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 23 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 2) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Material Lessening of Competition—Richmond Amendment) Bill 2009 (*tabled 13 May 2010*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ryan, on 21 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Corporations Amendment (Corporate Reporting Reform) Bill 2010 [Provisions], the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Prudential Refinements and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions], the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions], the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 GST Administration Measures No. 3) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 3) Bill 2010 [Provisions] have no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the President on 1 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010 [Provisions], the Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] have no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 3 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Income Tax Rates Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

### **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, McGauran, Pratt and Xenophon

#### *Substitute member*

*Role of liquidators and administrators*—Senator Williams to replace Senator McGauran

#### *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, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams and Wortley

#### *Current inquiry*

*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*)

Milking it for all it's worth – competition and pricing in the Australian dairy industry (*tabled 13 May 2010*)

- \* Access of small business to finance (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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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 Cash (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Bilyk, Collins and Hanson-Young

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, 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, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

*Current inquiry*

\* Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*)

*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*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Occupational Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

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

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Primary Schools for the 21st Century program (*referred 9 September 2009; interim report presented 24 June 2010*)

Administration and reporting of NAPLAN testing (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 13 August 2010*)

Industry Skills Councils (*referred 22 June 2010; reporting date: 30 September 2010*)

*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*) and errata (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

Welfare of international students (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

\* Primary Schools for the Twenty First Century Program—Interim report (*tabled 24 June 2010*)

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**Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Robb (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Feeney and Ryan and Mr Danby, Mr Scott and Mr Sullivan

*Current inquiries*

2007 Federal Election: Funding and disclosure issues (*referred 12 March 2008*)

Inquiries into allegations of irregularities in the recent South Australian state election (*referred 13 May 2010*)

*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*)

Inquiry into the implications of the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Amendment (Automatic Enrolment) Act 2009* (NSW) for the conduct of Commonwealth elections (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Report on the 2007 Federal Election – Events in the Division of Lindsay: Review of penalty provisions in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (*tabled 18 March 2010*)

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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 Fisher (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Ludlam, Lundy, Troeth and Wortley

*Substitute member*

*Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010*—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

*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, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, 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*

Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009 (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 18 October 2010*)

*Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010* (*referred 13 May 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*)

*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*)  
 Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)  
 Do Not Call Register Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)  
 Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)  
 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)  
 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)  
 Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)  
 Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] has no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the President on 1 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)  
 Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions], Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 10 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)  
 Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions], Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Small-scale Technology Shortfall Charge) Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Final report (*tabled 15 June 2010*)  
 Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

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

*Substitute members*

*Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program*—Senator Birmingham to replace Senator Boswell

*Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources*—

Senator Birmingham to replace Senator Boswell

Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

*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, 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*

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources (*referred 20 August 2009; interim report presented 5 May 2010; final reporting date: 30 July 2010*)

Administration and effectiveness of the Green Loans Program (*referred 10 March 2010; reporting date: 6 August 2010*)

- \* Online privacy protection (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 20 October 2010*)

*Reports presented*

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

The impacts of mining in the Murray Darling Basin (*presented to the President on 4 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Sustainable management by the Commonwealth of water resources—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 5 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Energy Efficient Homes Package—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 5 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

- \* Australia Post's treatment of injured and ill workers (*tabled 24 June 2010*)
- \* Energy Efficient Homes Package—Interim reports (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, and the Deputy President on 9 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- \* Energy Efficient Homes Package (ceiling insulation)—Final report (*presented to the President on 15 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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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 Ryan (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Kroger and Siewert

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, 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, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

- \* Exposure drafts of Australian privacy amendment legislation (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 1 July 2011*)
- \* Parliamentary Budget Office Bill 2010 (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 25 August 2010*)

*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*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010 [Provisions], ComSuper Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Superannuation Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 March 2010*) and correction (*tabled 17 March 2010*)

Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Information Commissioner Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 16 March 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2010 [Provisions] and the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Pre-poll Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] have no substantive matters which require examination] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (How-to-Vote Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 June 2010*)

Preventing the Misuse of Government Advertising Bill 2010 (*tabled 21 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

#### **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 Ryan (*Chair*), Senator Polley (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cameron, Kroger, Siewert and Williams

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

##### *Current inquiry*

- \* Reform of Australian Government administration (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 26 August 2010*)

##### *Reports presented*

Relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

Independent arbitration of public interest immunity claims (*tabled 2 February 2010*)

Native vegetation laws, greenhouse gas abatement and climate change measures (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Council of Australian Governments reforms relating to health and hospitals (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

- \* The funding arrangements for tax reform advertising (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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

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

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

##### *Members*

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

Australia's relationship with the countries of 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*)

Defence Sub-Committee visit to East Timor, 5 August 2009 (*tabled 22 February 2010*)

Human rights in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities (*presented to the Deputy President on 19 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

- \* Review of the Defence annual report 2008-09 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 2 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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**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 inquiries*

Autonomous Sanctions Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 26 May 2010 pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010; reporting date: 26 August 2010*)

\* Defence Legislation Amendment (Security of Defence Premises) Bill 2010 (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*)

\* Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 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*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2010 Budget Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] have no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 3 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

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

*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*

Australia's administration and management of the Torres Strait (*referred 14 September 2009; reporting date: 2 September 2010*)

Equity and diversity health checks in the Royal Australian Navy (*referred 26 November 2009; interim report presented 18 March 2010; reporting date: 2 September 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 I 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*)

Inquiry into the security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 21 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific [Volume II of the committee's inquiry into economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Equity and diversity health check in the Royal Australian Navy—HMAS *Success*—Interim report (*tabled 18 March 2010*)

Report on parliamentary privilege—possible interference in the work of the committee: Inquiry into matters relating to events on HMAS *Success* (*tabled 18 March 2010*)

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**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 and 24 February and 23 June 2010; final reporting date: 30 August 2010*)

*Members*

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Fifield, Macdonald 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, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, 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 inquiry*

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

Review of administration and expenditure: No. 7 – Australian intelligence agencies (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

Review of administration and expenditure: No. 8 – Australian intelligence agencies (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

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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, Ludlam, Marshall and Parry

*Substitute member*

*Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions]*—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 26 May 2010 pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010; reporting date: 11 August 2010*)

Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 2 June 2010 pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010; reporting date: 17 August 2010*)

Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 30 July 2010*)

Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*)

\* Access to Justice (Family Court Restructure and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*)

\* Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*)

\* Military Court of Australia Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*)

\* Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 21 September 2010*)

\* Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 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*)

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 24 February 2010*)

Native Title Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 24 February 2010*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 18 March 2010*)

National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 30 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Anti-People Smuggling and Other Measures Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Cash, on 4 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No. 2]—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 5 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 7 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Personal Property Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Crimes Amendment (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Bill 2010 [Provisions] has no substantive matters which require examination] (*tabled 15 June 2010*)

National Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 17 June 2010*)

Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No. 2]—Final report (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

- \* Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

### **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, Ludlam, Parry and Trood

#### *Substitute member*

*Donor conception practices*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

*Review of government discretionary payments in special circumstances*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

#### *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, 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, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Sterle, Troeth, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

#### *Current inquiries*

Review of government discretionary payments in special circumstances (*referred 4 February 2010; order varied 18 March 2010; reporting date: 30 September 2010*)

Donor conception practices (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 30 November 2010*)

#### *Reports presented*

A possible contempt in relation to a witness to the committee's inquiry into access to justice (*tabled 8 September 2009*)

Australia's judicial system and the role of judges; Access to justice—Interim report (*tabled 26 November 2009*)

Australia's judicial system and the role of judges (*presented to the President on 7 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*) and errata (*presented to the President on 8 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Access to justice (*presented to the President on 8 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

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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 Fletcher, Mrs Gash 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)

Enabling Australia: Inquiry into the migration treatment of disability (tabled 22 June 2010)

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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, 23 November and 26 November 2009, 18 March and 12 May 2010; final report tabled 17 June 2010)*

#### *Members*

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

Third report (*tabled 26 November 2009*) and erratum (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 14 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Fourth interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 18 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*) and correction (*presented to the President on 24 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Final report (*tabled 17 June 2010*)

### **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 Keenan (*Deputy Chair*), and the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Adams, Crossin and Humphries and Mr Adams, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Neville and Mr Turnour

#### *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*)

Inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Territories Law Reform Bill 2010 [Provisions]—Advisory report (*tabled 11 May 2010*)

Report of the 2009 New Zealand parliamentary committee exchange, 24 August to 27 August 2009 (*tabled 21 June 2010*)

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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, Mr Melham, Mr Oakeshott 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 Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Feeney (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Farrell, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

#### *Current inquiry*

*Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses before Parliamentary Committees and Related Matters (referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 2 September 2010)*

#### *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*)

143rd report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Vicki Dunstan on behalf of the Church of Scientology) (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

144th report—Statutory secrecy provisions and parliamentary privilege – an examination of certain provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (Confidentiality of Taxpayer Information) Bill 2009 (referred 18 March 2010) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 4 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

145th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Geordie Guy on behalf of Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc.) (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

146th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Ms Vicki Dunstan on behalf of the Church of Scientology Australia) (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

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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 Brandis, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig, Parry and Siewert

#### *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*)

First report of 2010—Private senators' bills – consideration; Bills relying on delegated legislation; Arrangements for the opening of Parliament (*presented to the President on 13 April 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

Second report of 2010—Arrangements for the opening of Parliament; Rules for questions under standing order 73 (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

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

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

*Members*

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

*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*)  
\* Report 417—Review of Auditor-General's reports tabled between February 2009 and September 2009 (*tabled 24 June 2010*)

*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*)  
Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2010-11 (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

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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*)
- Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings and evidence (*presented to the President on 9 February 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 22 February 2010*)
- Seventy-third annual report (*tabled 22 February 2010*)
- Proposed fit-out of new premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 735 Collins St, Melbourne (First report of 2010) (*presented to the President on 26 May 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Referrals made February to March 2010: Centre for Accelerator Science and extension to facilities for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, Sydney, NSW, fitout of new leased premises for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency of the New Acton Nishi Building, Canberra, ACT, construction of housing for Defence at Voyager Point, Liverpool, NSW, construction of housing for Defence at Muirhead, Darwin, NT, and Pawsey High Performance Computing Centre for SKA Science, Perth, WA (Second report of 2010) (*tabled 21 June 2010*)

- \* Extension of scope to the Australian SKA Pathfinder Telescope and the Pawsey High Performance Computing Centre for SKA Science (Third report of 2010) (*presented to the Deputy President on 12 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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### **Publications—Standing Committee**

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

#### *Members*

Senator Carol Brown (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bernardi, Feeney, Marshall, 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*)
- 15th report (*tabled 26 November 2009*)
- 16th report (*tabled 25 February 2010*)
- 17th report (*tabled 18 March 2010*)
- 18th report (*tabled 13 May 2010*)
- \* 19th report (*tabled 24 June 2010*)
- \* Inquiry into the development of a digital repository and electronic distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series (*tabled 24 June 2010*)

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### **Reform of the Australian Federation—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/reffed\\_cte/reffed/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/reffed_cte/reffed/index.htm)

(*appointed upon cessation of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network on 17 June 2010; reporting date varied 13 May 2009; reporting date: 17 November 2010*)

*Members*

Senator Trood (*Chair*), Senator Furner (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Ludlam, Lundy and Ryan

*Participating members*

Senators Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Williams and Wortley

**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 and 3 February 2010; final reporting date: 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)*

Third report 2009 *(tabled 26 November 2009) and correction (tabled 1 December 2009)*

Fourth report 2010 *(tabled 13 May 2010)*

**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 Collins (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cash, 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*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2009, dated February 2010 (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, May to November 2008 (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, October 2008 to June 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, June to November 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

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## **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

*Current inquiry*

- \* Airports Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 24 August 2010*)

*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*)

Additional estimates 2009-10, dated February 2010 (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2010), dated March 2010 (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

Consideration of time critical bills [pursuant to the order of the Senate of 13 May 2010 the Farm Household Support Amendment (Ancillary Benefits) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and the Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2010 [Provisions] have no substantive matters which require examination] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 4 June 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2010*)

Budget estimates 2010-11, dated June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] and Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel) Bill 2010 [Provisions] (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

**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

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Australian horse industry and an emergency animal disease response agreement (*referred 17 June 2010; reporting date: 30 August 2010*)

Biosecurity and quarantine arrangements (*referred 23 June 2010; reporting date: 22 November 2010*)

- \* Biosecurity for Chinese apples and the Australia – US cherry trade (*referred 24 June 2010; reporting date: 31 July 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*)

Import restrictions on beef—Interim report (*tabled 30 November 2009*)

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Interim report (*presented to the President on 11 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Interim report (*presented to the President on 18 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Final report (*presented to the President on 18 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ryan, on 23 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 2 February 2010*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

The possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef—Second interim report [Import restrictions on beef] (*tabled 25 February 2010*)

The possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef—Third interim report [Import restrictions on beef] (*tabled 11 March 2010*)

The possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax restrictions on beef—First report (*tabled 18 March 2010*) and correction (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

The possible impacts and consequences for public health, trade and agriculture of the Government's decision to relax import restrictions on beef—Final report (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

- \* The effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ryan, on 2 July 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

**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, Pratt, Siewert and Troeth

*Current inquiry*

Future direction and role of the committee (*referred 25 February 2010; interim report presented 12 May 2010; final reporting date to be determined after the introduction of legislation to establish the proposed Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights*)

*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*)
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- No. 7 of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
- No. 8 of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)
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- No. 10 of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)
- No. 11 of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)
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- No. 2 of 2010 (*tabled 24 February 2010*)
- No. 3 of 2010 (*tabled 10 March 2010*)
- No. 4 of 2010 (*tabled 17 March 2010*)

No. 5 of 2010 (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

No. 6 of 2010 (*tabled 16 June 2010*)

No. 7 of 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

*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*)

First report of 2010 (*tabled 3 February 2010*)

Second report of 2010 (*tabled 24 February 2010*)

Third report of 2010 (*tabled 10 March 2010*)

Fourth report of 2010 (*tabled 17 March 2010*)

Fifth report of 2010 (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

Inquiry into the future direction and role of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Interim report (*tabled 12 May 2010*)

Sixth report of 2010 (*tabled 16 June 2010*)

Seventh report of 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

*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, Fifield, 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*)
- Report no. 18 of 2009 (*presented 26 November 2009*)
- Report no. 19 of 2009 (*presented 30 November 2009*)
- Report no. 1 of 2010 (*presented 4 February 2010*)
- Report no. 2 of 2010 (*presented 24 February 2010*)
- Report no. 3 of 2010 (*presented 25 February 2010*)
- Report no. 4 of 2010 (*presented 11 March 2010*)
- Report no. 5 of 2010 (*presented 18 March 2010*)
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- Report no. 7 of 2010 (*presented 13 May 2010*)
- Report no. 8 of 2010 (*presented 16 June 2010*)
- Report no. 9 of 2010 (*presented 23 June 2010*)
- \* Report no. 10 of 2010 (*presented 24 June 2010*)

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

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

##### *Members*

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

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 November 2009 and 21 June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

*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*)

Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament, incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 2 December 2008 and 21 June 2010 (*tabled 23 June 2010*)

*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*)

Report 1/2010: Annual report 2009 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Ryan, on 25 March 2010, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 May 2010*)

*Document presented*

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

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**State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**

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

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

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, 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

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**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 Kerr, Mr Murphy, Ms Neal, Ms Parke and Mr Simpkins

*Current inquiry*

All treaties tabled in the Senate (*under resolution of appointment, agreed to 14 February 2008*)

*Reports presented*

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

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

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

Report 93—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2008 (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Report 94—Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Report 95—Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Report 96—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Report 97—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

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

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

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

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

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*)

Report 108—Treaty tabled on 25 November 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2010*)

Report 109—Treaty tabled on 2 February 2010 (*tabled 22 February 2010*)

Report 110—Treaties tabled on 18, 25 (2) and 26 November 2009 and 2 (2) February 2010 (*tabled 16 March 2010*)

Report 111—Treaties tabled on 25 November 2009 (3), 4 and 24 February 2010 (*tabled 22 June 2010*)

Report 112—Treaties tabled on 9, 10, 15, 16 and 29 March 2010 (*tabled 22 June 2010*)



## **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; reappointed 12 May 2010, with effect on and from 13 June 2010, 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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**ROSEMARY LAING**

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 Minister for Defence 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, Energy Efficiency            and Water</i>	Minister for Environment Protection, 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 Services 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 Sustainable Population 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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