

## **Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)**

*42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament (12 February 2008 to 30 June 2008)*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

### **Current members**

Senator Ellison (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Collins, McEwen, Murray and Troeth

### **Former members**

Senator Ray (until May 2008)

### **Secretary**

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### **Principles of the committee**

The committee scrutinises bills and Acts of Parliament and reports to the Senate whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

- trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
- make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
- inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Between 12 February 2008 and 30 June 2008, the committee considered 138 bills, and commented on 70 bills in six Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

### **Alert Digests tabled**

*12 February 2008–30 June 2008*

- No. 1 of 2008 (12 March 2008)
- No. 2 of 2008 (19 March 2008)
- No. 3 of 2008 (14 May 2008)
- No. 4 of 2008 (4 June 2008)
- No. 5 of 2008 (18 June 2008)
- No. 6 of 2008 (25 June 2008)

## **Reports presented**

*12 February 2008–30 June 2008*

- First Report of 2008 (12 March 2008)
- Second Report of 2008 (19 March 2008)
- Third Report of 2008 (14 May 2008)
- Fourth Report of 2008 (4 June 2008)
- Fifth Report of 2008 (18 June 2008)
- Sixth Report of 2008 (25 June 2008)

## **Meetings**

*12 February 2008–30 June 2008*

Private: 7

Briefings:

Total: 7