

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

*1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007*

### **Appointment**

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

### **Current members**

Senator Ray (Chair), Senator Adams (Deputy Chair), Senators Barnett, McEwen, Murray and Parry

### **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 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007, the committee considered 69 bills, and commented on 38 bills in five Alert Digests. The committee also produced three Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

### **Alert Digests tabled**

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- No. 8 of 2007 (8 August 2007)
- No. 9 of 2007 (13 August 2007)
- No. 10 of 2007 (15 August 2007)
- No. 11 of 2007 (12 September 2007)
- No. 12 of 2007 (19 September 2007)

### **Reports presented**

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- Eighth Report of 2007 (8 August 2007)
- Ninth Report of 2007 (12 September 2007)
- Tenth Report of 2007 (19 September 2007)

## **Meetings**

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