

Scrutiny of Bills (Legislative Scrutiny Standing)

1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008

Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 24.

Current members

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

Former members

Senator Ellison (until 14 October 2008)

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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 2008 and 31 December 2008, the committee considered 87 bills, and commented on 42 bills in six Alert Digests. The committee also produced six Reports containing correspondence from Ministers addressing its concerns.

Alert Digests tabled

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- No. 7 of 2008 (27 August 2008)
- No. 8 of 2008 (3 September 2008)
- No. 9 of 2008 (17 September 2008)
- No. 10 of 2008 (24 September 2008)
- No. 11 of 2008 (15 October 2008)
- No. 12 of 2008 (12 November 2008)
- No. 13 of 2008 (26 November 2008)
- No. 14 of 2008 (3 December 2008)

Reports presented

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

- Seventh Report of 2008 (27 August 2008)
- Eighth Report of 2008 (3 September 2008)
- Ninth Report of 2008 (17 September 2008)
- Tenth Report of 2008 (24 September 2008)
- Eleventh Report of 2008 (15 October 2008)
- Twelfth Report of 2008 (12 November 2008)

Meetings

1 July 2008–31 December 2008

Private: 9

Briefings:

Total: 9