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## Terms of Reference

Extract from **Standing Order 24**

- (1) (a) At the commencement of each Parliament, a Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills shall be appointed to report, in respect of the clauses of bills introduced into the Senate, and in respect of Acts of the Parliament, whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:
- (i) trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;
  - (ii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;
  - (iii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;
  - (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
  - (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.
- (b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting upon the clauses of a bill when the bill has been introduced into the Senate, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.



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## **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 1 March 2007

By Senator Murray

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*. The bill:

- requires political parties seeking registration to have a written constitution that meets minimum constitutional requirements;
- provides for the Electoral Commission to scrutinise political parties in relation to non-compliance issues and to oversee ballots for the selection of party candidates;
- prohibits misleading electoral advertising and restricts government advertising in the period commencing six months before the expiration of the time by which a general election in the House of Representatives must be called;
- reduces donation thresholds, defines a maximum limit on donations and requires disclosure of the identity of donors;
- prohibits registered political parties from receiving donations from media companies and foreign sources and prohibits the making of donations to a registered political party with the intention of obtaining undue access or influence;
- allows prisoners the right to vote unless they are of unsound mind, convicted of treason or had their voting rights removed by a judge;
- provides for the close of electoral rolls 7 days after writs are issued; and
- prohibits the use of certain commonwealth facilities and services by certain classes of people for political party business.

**Abrogation of the privilege against self-incrimination  
Schedule 1, item 5**

Proposed new subsection 141E(4) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, to be inserted by item 5 of Schedule 1, would abrogate the privilege against self-incrimination for a person required to give the Electoral Commission information, documents or other records under proposed new subsection 141E(1). At common law, people can decline to answer questions on the grounds that their replies might tend to incriminate them. Legislation which interferes with this common law entitlement trespasses on personal rights and liberties.

The Committee does not see this privilege as absolute, however, recognising that the public benefit in obtaining information may outweigh the harm to civil rights. One of the factors the Committee considers is the subsequent use that may be made of any incriminating disclosures.

In this case, proposed subsection 141E(4) would limit the circumstances in which information so provided is admissible in evidence in proceedings against the affected person. The Committee accepts that this provision strikes a reasonable balance between the competing interests of obtaining information and protecting individual rights.

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

## **Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007

Portfolio: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*, the *Age Discrimination Act 2004* and the *Social Security Act 1991* to allow eligible agriculturally dependent small business operators to access, until 30 June 2008 or such later day as prescribed by regulation, the same Exceptional Circumstances assistance that is provided to farmers.

The bill also contains transitional provisions.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Governance Review Implementation (Treasury Portfolio Agencies) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007

Portfolio: Treasury

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*, the *Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Act 1998* and the *Corporations Act 2001* to implement changes to the governance arrangements of three statutory authorities – the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee (CAMAC) and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).

As part of its response to the *Review of the Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders* (the Uhrig Review), the Government agreed that the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* should apply to statutory authorities where it is appropriate that they be legally and financially part of the Commonwealth and they do not need to own assets. This bill implements this decision in respect to ASIC, CAMAC and the APRA, transferring them from the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* to the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.

The bill also contains application and transitional provisions.

### **Henry VIII clauses**

#### **Schedule 1, item 12 and 46**

Proposed new subsection 137(1) of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, to be inserted by item 12 of Schedule 1, would declare the Australian Securities and Investments Commission not to be subject to taxation ‘under the laws of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory’, but proposed new subsection 137(2) provides that ‘regulations may provide that subsection (1) does not apply to a specified law’. The latter subsection is therefore an example of a ‘Henry VIII’ clause.

Similarly, proposed new subsection 159(1) of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, to be inserted by item 46 of Schedule 1, would declare the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee not to be subject to taxation ‘under the laws of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory’, but proposed new subsection 159(2) provides that ‘regulations may provide that subsection (1) does not apply to a specified law’ and hence is a further example of a ‘Henry VIII’ clause.

A Henry VIII clause is an express provision that authorises the amendment of either the empowering legislation, or any other primary legislation, by means of delegated legislation. Since its establishment, the Committee has consistently drawn attention to Henry VIII clauses and other provisions which (expressly or otherwise) permit subordinate legislation to amend or take precedence over primary legislation. Such provisions clearly involve a delegation of legislative power and are usually of concern to the Committee.

The Committee notes, however, that the explanatory memorandum states, at paragraphs 4.43 and 4.78 respectively, that these latter provisions are ‘consistent with provisions in the old [*Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*] and the former [*Australian Securities Commission Act 1989*].’

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on these provisions.*

## **Health Insurance Amendment (Provider Number Review) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007  
Portfolio: Health and Ageing

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Health Insurance Act 1973* to provide for the review of Medicare provider number legislation to be extended from two years to five years, with the next review report to be tabled in Parliament no later than 31 December 2010.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007  
Portfolio: Education, Science and Training

### Background

This bill amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* and the *Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003* to:

- provide additional funding to support the implementation of the Research Quality Framework; and
- reflect changes to the *National Protocols for Higher Education Approval Processes*, which were agreed by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs in July 2006 and are to take effect from 31 December 2007.

The bill:

- aligns key definitions with those used in the revised National Protocols and the Australian Qualifications Framework;
- applies the National Protocols to all new and existing higher education institutions;
- makes provision for the approval and regulation of new types of higher education institutions as Higher Education Providers and allows such institutions to apply for approval to operate in the External Territories; and
- includes a number of technical amendments aimed at clarifying eligibility for existing Higher Education Loan Programme and Commonwealth supported student arrangements.

The bill also contains application provisions.

## **Commencement on Proclamation Schedule 1**

Item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill provides that Schedule 1 will commence on Proclamation, but must commence within 12 months of Assent in any event. The Committee takes the view that Parliament is responsible for determining when laws are to come into force. The Committee will generally not comment where the period of delayed commencement is six months or less. Where the delay is longer the Committee expects that the explanatory memorandum to the bill will provide an explanation, in accordance with Paragraph 19 of Drafting Direction No. 1.3. Unfortunately, the explanatory memorandum provides no explanation for the delayed commencement.

The Committee **seeks the Minister's advice** as to the reason for this extended delay in commencement and whether it would be possible to include the reason for the delay in the explanatory memorandum.

*Pending the Minister's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provision, as it may be considered to delegate legislative powers inappropriately, in breach of principle 1(a)(iv) of the Committee's terms of reference.*

## **Trespass on personal rights Schedule 3, item 2**

Proposed new section 169-35 of the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, to be inserted by item 2 of Schedule 3, will have the effect that a person will be unable to establish an entitlement to Commonwealth assistance for a particular course at a tertiary education institution unless they provide all of the information necessary to establish that entitlement within 6 weeks of the course census date. This will be directly contrary to the current position whereby, if a person provides information which demonstrates his or her entitlement to Commonwealth assistance, that information is used whenever it might be supplied.

The explanatory memorandum to the bill points out that this provision (and other amendments proposed by Schedule 3) will not commence until



1 January 2008 ‘to allow the Department of Education, Science and Training sufficient time to advise the higher education sector and other relevant bodies of the changes’. In light of this stated intention to inform relevant stakeholders of the changed approach prior to its implementation, the Committee considers that the provision does not trespass *unduly* on personal rights.

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

## **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 1 March 2007

By Senator Nettle

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Marriage Act 1961* to allow marriage between two people, regardless of their sexuality and gender identity.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 1 March 2007

By Senator Bartlett

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Migration Act 1958* by repealing Sections 486B and 486C of the Act, which:

- prohibit joint proceedings, such as class actions, in respect to certain migration proceedings in the High Court, Federal Court or the Federal Magistrates Court; and
- stipulate persons who may commence or continue certain migration proceedings in the Federal Magistrates Court or the Federal Court.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Migration Legislation Amendment (Information and Other Measures) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007  
Portfolio: Immigration and Citizenship

### **Background**

This omnibus bill amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Migration Act 1958* to provide for consistency in access to and disclosure of personal identifiers and related information.

The bill also makes a number of additional amendments to the *Migration Act 1958* to:

- allow disclosure of identifying information collected under the Act to the Migration Agents Registration Authority;
- allow for the release of a movement record to the person to whom the record relates or to their authorised agent; and
- make reference to new fishing offences in the definition of a ‘fisheries detention offence’.

The bill also contains application and transitional provisions.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Migration Legislation Amendment (Removal of Unjust Restrictions) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 1 March 2007

By Senator Bartlett

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Migration Act 1958* by repealing:

- Paragraph 48A(2)(aa) and 48A(2)(ab) of the Act, which form part of the definition of an ‘application for a protection visa’; and
- Subdivision AL of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act, which includes other provisions about protection visas.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007

Portfolio: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989* to implement changes to the governance arrangements of eight statutory rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs). These changes are in response to an assessment made by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry against the *Review of the Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders* (the Uhrig Review).

The bill:

- abolishes the position of Australian Government Director on each of the RDC Boards and expands the skill set for Board selection to include expertise in public administration;
- establishes additional assessment and reporting requirements regarding the impact of research and development activities co-ordinated or funded by the RDCs; and
- emphasises the importance of ensuring an appropriate balance of expertise, across a range of fields, on RDC Boards.

The bill also contains application and transitional provisions.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the Senate on 27 February 2007

By Senator Fielding

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Qantas Sale Act 1992* to require that each associated entity of Qantas, such as Jetstar:

- locate their head office in Australia;
- retain Australia as their principal operating centre;
- ensure that at least two thirds of their directors are Australian citizens; and
- ensure that the director presiding at their Board meetings is an Australian Citizen.

### **Explanatory memorandum**

The Committee notes that this bill, introduced as a private Senator's bill, was accompanied only by a second reading speech and was introduced without an explanatory memorandum. The consideration of bills by the Committee and by the Parliament is assisted if they are accompanied by an explanation of the intent and operation of the proposed amendments, preferably in the form of an explanatory memorandum. The Committee recognises, of course, that private Senators and Members do not generally have access to the resources of departments and agencies to assist in the development of such documents. In this case, the Committee notes that the second reading speech provides some explanation of the intent and operation of the proposed amendments.

*In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this issue.*

## **Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007  
Portfolio: Education, Science and Training

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004* to revise funding amounts for certain programs. The bill provides:

- an additional \$127 million in capital infrastructure grants for government schools;
- an additional \$27 million per annum in capital infrastructure grants for non-government schools in 2007 and 2008;
- an additional \$11.7 million in capital grants to non-government schools in 2008; and
- \$9.445 million in 2008 to continue the Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Program.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*



## **Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007**

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007

Portfolio: Finance and Administration

### **Background**

This bill amends the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, the *Auditor-General Act 1997*, the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*, the *Australian Film Commission Act 1975*, the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*, the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998*, the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005*, the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, the *Crimes (Superannuation Benefits) Act 1989*, the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973*, the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983*, the *Family Law Act 1975*, the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*, the *Gene Technology Act 2000*, the *Inspector-General of Taxation Act 2003*, the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, the *Law Officers Act 1964*, the *National Blood Authority Act 2003*, the *Native Title Act 1993*, the *Ombudsman Act 1976*, the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948*, the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*, the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*, the *Resource Assessment Commission Act 1989*, the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, the *Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2005*, the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, the *Superannuation Act 1922*, the *Superannuation Act 1976*, the *Superannuation Act 1990* and the *Superannuation (Productivity Benefit) Act 1988* as a consequence of other legislative changes including the:

- introduction on 1 July 2005 of the Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSAP);
- introduction on 1 July 2006 of a single Superannuation Board (the Australian Reward Investment Alliance) to administer the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the PSSAP;

- introduction of the new regime for managing legislative instruments provided for under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*; and
- changes to the earnings base for the Superannuation Guarantee from 1 July 2008.

*The Committee has no comment on this bill.*

## SCRUTINY OF STANDING APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee has determined that, as part of its standard procedures for reporting on bills, it should draw senators' attention to the presence in bills of standing appropriations. It will do so under provisions 1(a)(iv) and (v) of its terms of reference, which require the committee to report on whether bills:

- (iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or
- (v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

Further details of the Committee's approach to scrutiny of standing appropriations are set out in the committee's *Fourteenth Report of 2005*. The following is a list of the bills containing standing appropriations that have been introduced since the beginning of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament.

### Bills introduced with standing appropriation clauses - 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament

*Indicates passed by Senate	Bills and Clauses
*	<b>Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005</b> – clause 17
*	<b>Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006</b> – clause 13
*	<b>Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005</b> – subclause 8(2)
*	<b>Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005</b> – subclause 5(3)
*	<b>Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006</b> – clause 49
*	<b>Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005</b> – clause 23
*	<b>Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 4, item 16
*	<b>Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—Initial Measures) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 5, subitem 20(3)
	<b>Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, item 13, section 9G

*	<b>Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 397, paragraphs 124(1)(b) and (c) and item 422, subsection 235(2)  [also Schedule 1, items 58, 63, 82, 86, 95, 99, 114, 135, 136, 145, 153, 164, 169, 182, 197, 205, 218, 261, 293, 317, 324, 370, 419, 437, 448, 484 and 493 – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i> ]
*	<b>Future Fund Bill 2006</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
*	<b>Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Assets and Abolition) Repeal Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 1(3)
*	<b>Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Pre-transfer Contracts) Bill 2006</b> – clause 9
*	<b>Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 720(4)
*	<b>Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 3, subsection 14A(1)
*	<b>Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 2, subitem 8(1)
	<b>Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, subitem 43(3)
*	<b>National Water Commission Bill 2004</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
*	<b>Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005</b> – clause 56
*	<b>Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 1, item 17, section 10B
	<b>Private Health Insurance Bill 2006</b> – clause 282-40 and subclause 318-5
	<b>Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006</b> – subclause 39(2)
*	<b>Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004</b> – clause 133
*	<b>Skilling Australia’s Workforce Bill 2005</b> – clause 40
*	<b>Social Security and Veterans’ Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Bill 2006</b> – Schedule 4, subitem 1(4)
*	<b>Superannuation Bill 2005</b> – subclause 29(4)
*	<b>Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 5, item 1, subsection 4AA(5) and Schedule 6, item 1, subsection 12A(5)
*	<b>Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 1, item 1, subsections 158ZO(4), 158ZP(7) and 158ZQ(5) and Schedule 3, item 1, subsection 136C(4)
*	<b>Textile Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 1, item 12, section 37ZH and subsection 37ZJ(3)

*	<b>Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Bill 2004</b> – CRF appropriated by virtue of section 21 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
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### Other relevant appropriation clauses

*Indicates Passed by Senate	Bills and Clauses
*	<b>AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004</b> – Schedule 2, item 3: special appropriation clause – for a finite amount and a finite period of time.
*	<b>Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005</b> – Schedule 2, item 1: special appropriation clause – for a finite period of time (i.e. for circumstances arising in a particular financial year).

## STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS

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Australian Energy Market Amendment (Gas Legislation) Bill 2006	15(6.12.06)	29.11.06		Industry, Tourism and Resources	7.12.06	6.2.07	1(7.2.07)
Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006	11(11.10.06)	14.9.06	12.10.06	Veterans' Affairs	12.10.06	7.2.07	2(28.2.07)
<i>Copyright Amendment Act 2006</i>	13(8.11.06)	19.10.06	1.12.06	Attorney-General		29.1.07	1(7.2.07)
Fuel Quality Standards (Renewable Content of Motor Vehicle Fuel) Amendment Bill 2006	10(13.9.06)	4.9.06		Mr Katter	14.9.06		
Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	7(9.8.06)	19.6.06		Mr Katter	10.8.06		
<b>Bills dealt with in 2007</b>							
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Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) Bill 2007	2(28.2.07)	14.2.07	1.3.07	Transport and Regional Services	1.3.07	16.3.07	3(21.3.07)
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007	2(28.2.07)	15.2.07	20.3.07	Attorney-General	1.3.07	15.3.07	3(21.3.07)
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	1.3.07	6.12.06	Attorney-General	8.2.07	26.2.07	2(28.2.07)
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	7.12.06	8.2.07	Attorney-General	8.2.07	26.2.07	2(28.2.07)
Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	7.12.06	27.2.07	Employment and Workplace Relations	8.2.07 1.3.07	22.2.07 15.3.07	2(28.2.07) 3(21.3.07)
Human Services (Enhanced Service Service Delivery) Bill 2007	2(28.2.07)	7.2.07	28.2.07	Human Services	1.3.07		
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Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	1.3.07	6.12.06	Foreign Affairs	8.2.07	27.2.07	2(28.2.07)
Private Health Insurance Bill 2006	1(7.2.07)	7.12.06	26.2.07	Health and Ageing	8.2.07	26.2.07	2(28.2.07)
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