



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday, 9 August 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.31pm

### Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)>

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (National HPV Vaccination Program Register) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2007]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007—Second reading debate commenced [private senator's bill]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Cosmetics) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (National HPV Vaccination Program Register) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

### **Notice of motion**

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Abetz) to vary the hours of meeting for 13 to 16 August 2007 to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

## **Delegated legislation**

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See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

### **Notice of intention to withdraw a notice**

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of his intention to withdraw a notice to disallow [regulations](#) to amend the Australian Federal Police Regulations 1979 to prescribe matters related to the suspension of AFP appointees from their duties and matters related to drug testing.

See **Documents** for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

## **Committees**

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

Report on legislation

- [Communications Legislation](#) Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Other reports

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—[Workforce challenges](#) in the transport industry

### **Document tabled**

- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period June 2006 to June 2007

### **New inquiries**

#### **Selection of Bills Committee report**

The Senate adopted [report no. 12](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following reference:

- Water Bill 2007 and a related bill—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—to report by 14 August 2007

### **Proposed select committee**

The Senate did not agree to establish a select committee to inquire into [Australia's anti-terrorism laws](#).

### **Proposed reference**

The Senate did not agree to refer matters relating to the detention and release of [Dr Mohammed Haneef](#) to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

### **Public meeting**

The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate was sitting on 9 August 2007 from 4.30pm to 6.00pm for the committee's inquiry into private equity markets.

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—Senator O'Brien to replace Senator Lundy for the committee's inquiry into the Water Bill 2007 and a related bill, and Senator Lundy appointed as a participating member
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Senator Adams appointed as a participating member

## **Documents**

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### **Documents tabled**

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [3 petitions](#)

### **Documents discussed**

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

## Other business

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[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)  
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motion agreed to

- [Millennium Development Goals](#)—moved by Senators Barnett and Chapman

### Motions negatived

- [Student income support measures](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [International Day](#) of the World's Indigenous People—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Irish motorway project](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Proposed mine at Wyong](#), New South Wales—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Queensland local government amalgamations](#)—moved by Senator Lundy
- [Senator Heffernan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)

### Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

## Statistics

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Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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