This week at a glance
13 to 16 August 2007

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary (SDS) outlines the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate. On subsequent days, SDS provides a convenient summary of the previous day’s proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document useful in tracking the business of the Senate is the Dynamic Red, which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen.

Legislation

Bills to be considered
The government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows

13 August 2007
- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills

14 August 2007
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills

15 August 2007
- APEC Public Holiday Bill 2007
- Water Bill 2007 and a related bill

16 August 2007
- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007
- Water Bill 2007 and a related bill

Delegated legislation
See Disallowance Alert for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Notice to be withdrawn
13 August 2007
The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances is due 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.

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here

Reports on legislation due to be tabled this week
13 August 2007
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
14 August 2007
- Water Bill 2007 and a related bill–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Other reports due to be tabled this week
15 August 2007
- Current level of academic standards of school education–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee
16 August 2007
- Australia’s public diplomacy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
- Private equity markets–Economics Committee

Proposed references
13 August 2007
- Matters relating to the fire on HMAS Westralia in May 1998–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
- Matters relating to the risks associated with the rise in sea levels in Australia–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

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