



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 15 August 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.55pm

Senators

[Senator Cormann](#) gave his [first speech](#).

Valedictory speeches were given for [Senator Calvert](#) [[first speaker](#)]

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ APEC Public Holiday Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 August 2007]
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 August 2007]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Water Bill 2007 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 August 2007]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—Committee of the whole continued—[2 clauses](#) to be determined

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow [principles](#) that outline the process that the Secretary to the Department of Health and Ageing will undertake in investigating complaints or information brought to his or her attention regarding the responsibilities of a residential or community aged care provider

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of the re-listing of Hizballah's External Security Organisation
- Public Works Joint Committee—
 - [Report No. 6](#) of 2007—Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Woden Town Centre
 - [Report No. 7](#) of 2007—Royal Malaysian Air Force Base Butterworth, Malaysia – Australian Defence Force facilities rationalisation
 - [Report No. 8](#) of 2007—RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, Western Australia
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Additional information

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee into the current level of academic standards of school education to 13 September 2007.

Documents

Documents tabled

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Montreal Protocol](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Sexualisation](#) of children in the media—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)

Motions negatived

- [Financial support](#) for students—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Forests](#) of high conservation value—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Northern Australia's](#) pristine environments—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Nuclear weapons](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Nuclear non-proliferation](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [St Vincent de Paul Society](#)—moved by Senator Hutchins

Notices of motion

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

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