



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 19 September 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.26pm

## **New Senator**

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

## **Legislation**

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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

- ❑ Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 September 2007]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007—Second reading debate commenced

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Higher Education Endowment Fund Bill 2007 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]

### **Notices of motion**

To introduce bills

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Crime or Terrorism Related Internet Content) Bill 2007—notice given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)
- ❑ Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) [private senator's bill]

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Dental Services) Bill 2007
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (Cape York Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ National Health Security Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 2) Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 6) Bill 2007
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Bartlett gave a [notice](#) of motion to disallow certain items contained in the [Migration Amendment Regulations](#) 2007 (No. 7).

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

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—
  - [10th report](#) of 2007—Proposed CSIRO collocation with Queensland Government on the ecosciences and health and food sciences precincts, Brisbane, Queensland
  - [11th report](#) of 2007—Proposed RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage three, Queensland
  - [12th report](#) of 2007—Proposed C-17 heavy air lift infrastructure project
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 12](#) of 2007 and [10th report](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Government response tabled

A [government response](#) to the report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee on the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 was tabled.

## New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to [climate change](#) and Australian agricultural industries to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to report by 30 June 2008.

## Documents

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### Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of Defence was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Documents tabled

- Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2006-07
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents [see Journal entries nos [2](#) and [26](#)]

## Other business

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

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

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motion agreed to

- [Child Protection Week](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett

### Motions negatived

- Australians detained in [Barwon prison](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Cluster munitions](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Coral Sea](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Proposed pulp mill](#) in Tasmania—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Sexual slavery and Japan](#)—moved by Senators Wong, Stott Despoja and Nettle

### Question to President

Senator Crossin asked the President a [question](#) relating to the Women in Parliament display in Parliament House. The President made a [statement](#) in response. A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to.

### Notices of motion

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

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