



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 19 September 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.26pm

New Senator

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

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <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

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

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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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

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

[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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