



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.40pm

New Senator

[Mr Mathias Hubert Paul Cormann](#) was sworn in as a senator for Western Australia.

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Independent Contractors Amendment Bill 2007 (No. 2) [private senator's bill—introduced by Senator Sterle]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 19 June 2007]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 June 2007]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007—[18 Government amendments](#) agreed to
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007—9 Government and 1 Opposition amendments agreed to [see Journal entries nos [6](#) and [38](#)]
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007—[2 Family First amendments](#) agreed to

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) [private senator's bill]
- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Johnston)

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

- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007

Message from the House of Representatives

- Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

Senator Bob Brown gave a [notice of motion](#) to disapprove a [determination](#) that amends Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2005/19 – Principal Executive Office Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—[Australia's Indigenous](#) visual arts and craft sector. The report was debated [[first speaker](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[5th report of 2007](#)—Provision of facilities for project single living environment and accommodation precinct phase 2
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—[Administration](#) of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand. The report was debated [[first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2007 and [7th report](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Treaties Joint Committee—[84th report](#)—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006. The report was debated [[first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee—Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 5 December 2000 and 18 June 2007
- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 5 December 2006 and 18 June 2007

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer the Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee. [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer matters relating to the fire on [HMAS Westralia](#) in May 1998 to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for report by 31 August 2007.

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee memberships.

Documents

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle requiring the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (Senator Abetz) to table documents relating to Anvil Hill coal mine.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 46 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 5 December 2006 and 18 June 2007
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Documents discussed

[Government documents](#) were discussed.

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

- [BBC journalist](#), Mr Alan Johnston—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Death of Mr George Burarrawanga](#)—moved by Senator Crossin

Motions negated

- [Climate change](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Proposed new pulp mill](#) in Tasmania—moved by Senator Bob Brown

Notices of motion

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

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