



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 1 September 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.09pm

## Senators

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Senators [Cameron](#), [Hanson-Young](#) and [Feeney](#) gave their first speeches.

## 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

- ❑ Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 28 August 2008]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—second reading agreed to [an Opposition [second reading amendment](#) referring the bill to a committee was agreed to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Unit Pricing](#) (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008–Economics Committee

Other reports

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee:
  - [411th report](#)–Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence
  - [412th report](#)–Audit reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament

### New inquiry

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008–Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–to report by 15 September 2008

### Public meetings

The Senate authorised committees to hold various public meetings while the Senate is sitting [see Journals entries nos [3](#) and [10](#)]

### Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees:

- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–to report by 17 September 2008
- [Progress](#) on the implementation of recommendations contained in reports of the committee relating to child migration and institutional care–Community Affairs Committee–to report by the last sitting day in March 2009

### Membership

The Senate agreed to appoint the following senators as members of committees:

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee–Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities Select Committee–Senators Hanson-Young and Ludlam–participating members

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising of the following appointments to committees:

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Mr Robb
- Public Works Joint Committee–Mr Price in place of Mr Hale

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

### Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- [Migration Amendment Regulations](#) 2007 (No. 14)
- Torres Strait Regional Authority Section 142S [Declaration](#) 2008.

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Statement by Minister

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [27 August 2008](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning the Coorong and Lower Lakes in South Australia. Senator Birmingham [took note](#) of the statement.

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

##### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet*

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens) tabled a ministerial statement about reform of employment services in Australia.

## Other business

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

### Motion agreed to

- [Single aged pension](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

### Motion debated

- [Health services](#) and road infrastructure—moved by Senator Nash [discussed as a matter of public importance—[first speaker](#)]

### Statements by leave

Senator Adams made a [statement](#) relating to the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. Senator Hurley [responded](#) to the statement.

Senator Hutchins made a [personal explanation](#) relating to comments made in the House of Representatives by Mr Slipper and to newspaper articles of 31 August 2008 concerning alleged security breaches on HMAS *Stuart*.

### Notices of motion

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

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