



# Senate Daily Summary

**Tuesday, 2 September 2008**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 6.51pm

## **Senators**

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Senators [Furner](#) and [Cash](#) 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 bill was introduced

- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 September 2008]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008—committee of the whole commenced

The following bill was passed

- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2008 [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Notice of motion**

To introduce a private senators' bill

- ❑ Flags (Protection of Australian Flags) Amendment Bill 2008—notice given by Senator Barnett

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Statutory oversight](#) of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[6th report of 2008](#)—Referrals tabled March and June 2008

### New inquiry

- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 24 September 2008

### Private meeting

The Senate authorised the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee to hold a private meeting while the Senate is sitting on 2 September 2008.

### Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline:

- The implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 23 September 2008

To refer matters to a committee:

- Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 and [related matters](#)—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee—to report by 26 November 2008—the motion was subsequently withdrawn

## Documents

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### Delegated legislation

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

#### Notices of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Student Assistance](#) (Public Interest Certificate Guidelines) Determination 2008.

#### Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew 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

Notices of motion given

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- [Documents](#) relating to emissions-intensive companies—no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008—notice given by Senator Milne
- [Report](#) of the Strategic Review of Climate Change Programs—no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008—notice given by Senator Milne

Orders with continuing effect

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

A statement of compliance for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner 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]

## Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)
- [A petition](#)

## Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled a ministerial statement about intercountry adoption. [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

## Other business

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

### Motion agreed to

- [Inaugural Privacy Awards](#) and Privacy Medal—Senator Faulkner

### Motion negatived

- [Prime Minister of New Zealand](#), Ms Helen Clark—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### Motion debated

- [Western Australian public policy issues](#)—moved by Senator Johnston [debated as a matter of public importance—[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

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