



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.40pm

Senators

Casual vacancy

The President announced the resignation on 5 May 2008 of Senator Robert Ray. [Senator Jacinta Collins](#) was sworn in as a senator for Victoria to fill the vacancy.

[Valedictory speeches](#) were made for Senator Ray.

Death of former senators

The President informed the Senate of the deaths of two former senators:

- on 27 March 2008, Ruth Nancy Coleman, a senator for Western Australia from 1974 to 1987—[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) and supported
- on 8 April 2008, John Norman Button, a senator for Victoria from 1974 to 1993—[motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) and supported

Budget 2008-09

[Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites](#)
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The Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Sherry) tabled the [Budget statement](#) for the year 2008-09 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements.

Portfolio budget statements and portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements for [parliamentary](#) and [executive](#) departments were also tabled.

The Senate [referred](#) budget documents to committees to enable them to consider estimates. Estimates hearings will take place from 26 May to 6 June 2008.

The Opposition and other parties will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday, 15 May 2008.

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—[Interim report](#) and [final report](#)
- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—[Interim report](#) [Reporting date for the final report extended to 15 May 2008]
- [Tax Laws Amendment](#) (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008—Economics Committee
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—[Interim report](#) and [final report](#)
- [Telecommunications](#) Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—[Interim report](#) and [final report](#)

Other reports

- Economics Committee—Australia's mandatory last resort home warranty insurance schemes—[Interim report](#) [Reporting date for the final report extended to 16 October 2008]

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline:

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 26 June 2008

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—17 June 2008 from 3.30pm to 7.00pm—Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007
- Community Affairs Committee—15 May 2008 from 3.30pm to 7.15pm—Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]

To refer matters to committees:

- [Commonwealth Electoral](#) (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to be referred to the Committee as part of its inquiry into all aspects of the 2007 Federal Election
- [Environment Protection](#) and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—to report by 27 November 2008
- [Lobbying Code of Conduct](#)—Finance and Public Administration Committee—to report by the first sitting Thursday of August 2008

- [Special Disability Trusts](#)—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 18 September 2008

Documents

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year] [see Journal entries nos [28](#) and [31](#)]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Treasury portfolio was 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

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 27 to 32 of 2007-08
- Government documents [See Journal entries nos [2](#) and [26](#)]
- [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

Ministerial statements were tabled as follows:

- [Lobbying code of conduct](#) and register of lobbyists—tabled by the Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner) [The Senate debated and agreed to a [motion](#) to take note of the statement]
- [Regional development Australia](#)—tabled by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas) [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

Other business

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

Death of Lance Corporal Jason Marks

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) [moved](#) that the Senate record its deep regret at the death of Lance Corporal Jason Marks while on a combat operation in Afghanistan. The motion was supported.

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to unparliamentary language and a [matter](#) raised by Senator Abetz on 20 March 2008.

Notices of motion

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

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