



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 15 September 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.14pm

Senators

Senators [Williams](#) and [Kroger](#) gave their first speeches.

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 September 2008]
- ❑ Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 4 September 2008]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)
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Report tabled

- ❑ [Great Barrier Reef](#) Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee [A motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]

Government response tabled

- Community Affairs Committee—A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians

New inquiry

- [Expenditure](#) on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 4 December 2008

Notices of motion given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Economics Committee—Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme:
 - Wednesday, 17 September 2008, from 4.00pm to 5.30pm
 - Tuesday, 23 September 2008, from 5.00pm to 6.00pm
 - Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 5.00pm to 6.00pm

To refer matters to a committee:

The Manager of Opposition Business (Senator Ellison) and the Manager of Government Business (Senator Ludwig) gave a [notice of motion](#) to certain health [regulations](#), the subject of a disallowance motion by Senator Barnett, to the Finance and Public Administration Committee to report by 13 November 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]

Notices of motion given

To disallow

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

- A [Determination](#) specifying guidelines for the disclosure of information relating to family assistance by the Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- A [Determination](#) specifying guidelines for the disclosure of information relating to social security by the Secretary of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

To rescind a disallowance

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) gave a notice of motion to rescind the [resolution](#) of the Senate of 19 June 2008 disallowing a [determination](#) which amends and repeals the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Determination 2007.

Orders for the production of documents

Statements by Ministers

- The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [3 September 2008](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning emissions-intensive companies by no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008 [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to]
- The Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry) made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [3 September 2008](#)] requiring the tabling of the report of the Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies by no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008 [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for the various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries [16](#) and [19](#)] [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

A statement of compliance for the Veterans' Affairs 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

- [A government document](#)
- [4 petitions](#)

Other business

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

Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to the representational arrangements of the [Rudd Ministry](#).

Address-in-reply

The Address-in-reply to the Governor-General's speech was agreed to.

Notices of motion

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

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