



# Senate Daily Summary

**Tuesday, 16 September 2008**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.54pm

## **Senators**

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Senators [Ryan](#) and [Ludlam](#) 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 passed

- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
  - a [second reading amendment](#) moved by Senator Xenophon referring a matter to the Economics Committee was agreed to
  - 8 items negatived and 1 amendment moved by Senator Xenophon agreed to

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

### **Notices of motion**

To introduce bills

- Archives Amendment Bill 2008—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner)
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008—notice given by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)
- Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—notice given by Senator Ludlam [private senator's bill]
- Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2008—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) [private senator's bill]

See [Committees](#) for details of reports relating to legislation

## Committees

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

- [Australian Securities](#) and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008–Economics Committee

### New inquiry

The Senate [agreed to refer](#) 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.

### Public meetings

The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold the following public meetings while the Senate is sitting in relation to its inquiry into 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

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 18 September 2008 from 4.00pm for the committee's inquiry into the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2].

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following appointments to committees:

- Economics Committee–Senator Xenophon
- Finance and Public Administration Committee–Senator Hanson-Young
- Library Committee–Senator Fielding
- Parliamentary Library Joint Committee–Senator Fielding

## 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]

### Proposed rescission of disallowance

The Senate did not agree to rescind its [resolution](#) of 19 June 2008 disallowing a [determination](#) which amends and repeals the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Determination 2007. [[first speaker](#)]

### Notice of intention to withdraw notices

Senator Barnett gave notice of his intention to withdraw a notice to disallow [regulations](#) repealing the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2006 and making the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) 2007.

### **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]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Environment, Heritage, Water and the Arts 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**

- Commission from Her Excellency the Governor-General to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to senators
- [Government documents](#)
- [2 petitions](#)

### **Ministerial statements tabled**

The Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry) tabled ministerial statements about:

- The vast potential of Australia's geothermal resources
- Progress on housing affordability programs

## **Other business**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

- [Chief Executive](#) of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—moved by Senator Abetz
- [Increase in pensions](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Murray-Darling Basin](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Single age pension](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

### **Motion negated**

- [United Nations](#) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples—moved by Senator Siewert

### **Motion debated**

The Senate discussed issues relating to [education](#), raised by Senator Mason 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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