



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 16 October 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.15pm

The Senate will meet again on 10 November 2008. Senate committees will meet from 20 to 23 October 2008 to consider [supplementary budget estimates](#).

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Dairy Adjustment Levy Termination Bill 2008
- Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills
- Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) Bill 2008
[passed by the House of Representatives on 15 October 2008]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Archives Amendment Bill 2008
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008
- Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008

The following bills were debated

- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—second reading continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was agreed to with requests

- Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008—34 Government amendments and 20 Government requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider whether to make the [amendments](#) requested by the Senate]

The following bills were passed

- Archives Amendment Bill 2008 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill (No. 2) 2008—6 Australian Greens/Senator Xenophon amendments and 1 Australian Greens amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate—see Journals entries nos [21](#) and [25](#)]

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

The following additional information arising from the 2008-09 budget estimates hearings was tabled:

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee
- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Committee—[Building trust](#): Supporting families through disability trusts
- ❑ Publications Committee—[6th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[95th Report](#)—Treaties tabled on 4, 17 and 25 June and 26 August 2008

Documents tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Addendum

New inquiry

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 14](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 20 November 2008

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee into pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market to 2 December 2008.

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

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]

Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency appointments

A statement of compliance for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts portfolio was tabled [Lists of appointments made and existing vacancies are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Departmental and agency grants

Statements of compliance for the Health and Ageing portfolio and the Heritage and the Arts portfolio were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are [required to be tabled](#) 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 7](#) of 2008-09
- Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2007-08
- Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2007-08
- Department of the Senate—Report for 2007-08
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2007-08
- A [petition](#) and a petitioning document

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement about the Australian Youth Forum.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [ABC Radio National](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

- [Assassination](#) of former Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Australia—moved by Senator Hutchins
- [Carers Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Child and maternal health](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Deepavali](#)—moved by Senator Ellison
- [Sino-Tibetan dialogue](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the formal accreditation of Parliament House as a breastfeeding friendly workplace by the Australian Breastfeeding Association.

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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