



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 18 September 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.55pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 September 2008]

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

- First Home Saver Accounts (Further Provisions) Amendment Bill 2008 and a related bill
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008

The following bills were debated

- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—a motion that the bills be read a second time was further debated [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008 [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—[Administration](#) of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- [State Government](#) Financial Management Select Committee [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- Treaties Joint Committee—[94th Report](#)—Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]

Report debated

- Procedure Committee—First report of 2008 [a motion to amend certain standing orders was [debated](#), amended and agreed to. Standing order 25(9)(d) was amended. The amendment to standing order 72(2) contained in attachment 3 of the report was referred to the Procedure Committee for further inquiry and report—see Journals entries nos [18](#) and [31](#). An [amendment](#) moved by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) to the motion that the Senate take note of the report was [debated](#).]

Documents tabled

- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—Additional comments
- Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period March 2007 to June 2008

Government response tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Australia's trade with Mexico and the region

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 11](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following reference:

- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 10 November 2008

Other references

- [Progress](#) on the implementation of recommendations contained in reports of the committee relating to child migration and institutional care—Community Affairs Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2009

Public meetings

The Senate authorised various public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting. [see Journals entries nos [8](#) and [10](#)]

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries of the Community Affairs Committee:

- Special disability trusts—to report by 16 October 2008
- Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia—to report by the last sitting day in March 2009

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—
 - Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 and the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008—to report by 8 October 2008
 - Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]—to report by 14 October 2008

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—23 September 2008 from 4.00pm—Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne as a member of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for the committee's inquiry into natural resource management and conservation challenges, and appointed Senator Milne as a participating member.

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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Higher Education](#) in External Territories Guidelines 2008.

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]

Document tabled

- [A petition](#)

Documents discussed

Government documents and committee reports were discussed.

Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas) tabled a ministerial statement about Dementia Awareness Week.

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Burma](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Motion negatived

- ❑ [International Day of Peace](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

Motion debated

- ❑ [Management of the economy](#)—moved by Senator Fifield

Temporary chairs of committees

A warrant was tabled revoking the nomination of Senator Joyce as a temporary chair of committees.

Notices of motion

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

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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