



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 25 June 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.53pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008 [new Senate bill]

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

- ❑ Governance Review Implementation (AASB and AUASB) Bill 2008
- ❑ Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008 [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [see Journals of [24 June 2008](#) for details of amendments made to the bill] [The House of Representatives [agreed](#) to make the amendment requested by the Senate and will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]

Committees

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

- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review](#) of the Re-Listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–[5th report of 2008](#)–Referrals tabled in March 2008
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Budget estimates 2008-09
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2008 and [6th report](#) of 2008 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Committee–additional information in relation to the following inquiries:
 - A decent quality of life: Inquiry into cost of living pressures on older Australians
 - Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]
 - Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008
- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee–Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 8 December 2007 and 23 June 2008

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 6](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills–Economics Committee–to report by 16 October 2008
- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008–Community Affairs Committee–to report by 10 November 2008

Other references

- ❑ [Food production](#) in Australia–Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee–to report by 27 November 2009
- ❑ [Save Our Solar](#) (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008–Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–to report by 15 August 2008

Establishment of select committees

The Senate established the following [select committees](#):

- ❑ Fuel and Energy
- ❑ National Broadband Network

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 26 June 2008 from 4.00pm for the committee's inquiry into the review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 to 26 June 2006.

Notices of motion given to refer matters to committees

- [Developing](#) Australia's capacity in the area of climate change—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee—to report by 20 March 2009
- [Effectiveness](#) of the *Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act 1984*—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Resource management](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 27 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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) to table a statement of the commercial harm that will result from the disclosure of documents relating to defence procurement projects. [See also Journals of [15 May 2008](#) and [19 June 2008](#)]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 44 of 2007-08
- Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests, incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of Senate senior executive officers lodged between 8 December 2007 and 23 June 2008
- [Government documents](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens) tabled ministerial statements about:

- Aviation training package
- Helping older Australians enjoy the movies: Accessible cinema
- 60th anniversary of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Commercial Ready program](#)—moved by Senator Abetz
- [Explanation](#) of Government's opposition to a motion relating to global warming—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Valedictory speeches

[Senator Nettle](#) and Australian Democrats senators [[first speaker](#)] gave their valedictory speeches.

Notices of motion

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

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