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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 May 2008

1 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That—

- (1) The Senate notes the continuing decline and extinction of a significant proportion of Australia's unique plants and animals, and the likelihood that accelerating climate change will exacerbate challenges faced by Australian species.
- (2) The following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008:

The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), with particular reference to:

- (a) the need for legislative reform as a result of the findings of the Australian National Audit Office, Audit report no. 38 of 2002-03, *Referrals, Assessments and Approvals under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*;
- (b) the effectiveness of the EPBC Act to protect critical habitats of threatened species and ecological communities, and the potential for measures to improve their recovery;
- (c) the cumulative impacts of EPBC Act approvals on threatened species and ecological communities, for example on Cumberland Plain Woodland, Cassowary habitat and Grassy White Box Woodlands;
- (d) the effectiveness of past government responses to key threats identified within the EPBC Act, including land-clearing, climate change and invasive species, and potential for future measures to build environmental resilience and facilitate adaptation within a changing climate;
- (e) lessons learnt from the first 10 years of operation of the EPBC Act; and
- (f) the effectiveness of Regional Forest Agreements, in protecting forest species and forest habitats where the EPBC Act does not directly apply.

Notice given 14 May 2008

2 **Senator Watson:** To move—That ASIC Class Order [CO 07/753], made under paragraphs 601QA(1)(a), 911A(2)(l), 1020F(1)(a) and 1020F(1)(c) of the *Corporations Act 2001*, be disallowed.

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Notice given 15 May 2008

3 Senator Siewert: To move—

- (1) That the Senate:
 - (a) notes the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, *Beyond petrol sniffing: renewing hope for Indigenous communities*, dated June 2006, and the current expenditure on programs aimed at addressing petrol sniffing; and
 - (b) expresses concern at recent reports on the increase of petrol sniffing in central Australia.
- (2) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2008:
 - (a) the ongoing effectiveness of the eight-point plan in combating petrol sniffing in central Australia;
 - (b) the extent of the roll out of Opal fuel;
 - (c) the delivery of youth services in affected areas;
 - (d) the effectiveness and adequacy of resources provided to address petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia; and
 - (e) what more needs to be done to effectively address petrol sniffing.

Notice given 16 June 2008

***4 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator Murray:** To move—

- (1) That the Senate—
 - (a) notes the report by CHOICE on charities, published online in March 2008, that highlights the wide variability and inconsistency in the way that charities disclose information to the public; and
 - (b) acknowledges that the 27 recommendations from the inquiry into the definition of charities and related organisations, which reported in 2001, have not been implemented.
- (2) That the following matters be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of November 2008:
 - (a) to investigate the relevance and appropriateness of current disclosure regimes for charities and all other not-for-profit organisations;
 - (b) to identify models of regulation and legal forms that would improve governance and management of charities and not-for-profit organisations and cater for emerging social enterprises; and
 - (c) to identify other measures that can be taken by government and the not-for-profit sector to assist the sector to improve governance, standards, accountability and transparency in its use of public and government funds.

***5 Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008, together with the matter of the impact which the changes proposed by the bill will have on the tourism industry, be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report on 24 June 2008.

- (2) That the committee hear evidence, inter alia, from the Australian Tourism Export Council, the Tourism Transport Forum, the Board of Airline Representatives of Australia and owners of major Australian airports.

*6 **Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That:
- (a) the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report; and
 - (b) any related bill or bills that may be introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements*, dated May 2007, also be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report together with the following matters:
 - (i) the definition of 'couple relationship',
 - (ii) empirical evidence from the states concerning the existence, recognition and relative numbers of interdependent relationships, other than de facto (whether heterosexual or same-sex) and marital relationships,
 - (iii) whether the definition of 'couple relationship' should be amended to incorporate other interdependent relationships and, if so, whether the definitions should be broadened to include those relationships or whether a separate definition is required,
 - (iv) the fiscal implications of the statutory recognition of other interdependent relationships for superannuation and taxation purposes,
 - (v) the definitions of 'child' and 'child of a couple relationship',
 - (vi) the legal and fiscal implications of the definitions referred to in (v), particularly as they relate to the rights, obligations and liabilities of co-parents (i.e., the parent in a couple relationship that does not have a biological connection to a child of that relationship), and
 - (vii) all other matters considered necessary by the committee.
- (2) That the committee is not to conclude its consideration of the matter contained in subparagraph (1)(a) until it has concluded its consideration of the matters in subparagraph (1)(b).
- (3) That the committee must hear evidence, inter alia, from:
- (a) the Attorney-General's Department;
 - (b) the Department of Finance and Deregulation;
 - (c) the Relationship Registries of Tasmania, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory;
 - (d) the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission; and
 - (e) the Law Council of Australia (Family Law Section).

*7 **Senator Ellison:** To move—That the provisions of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be referred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 24 June 2008, together with the following matters:

- (a) the number of people that will be affected by:
 - (i) changes to Baby Bonus eligibility,
 - (ii) changes to the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) part B eligibility,
 - (iii) changes to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) compliance regime, and
 - (iv) changes to the eligible age for the partner service pension;
- (b) the anticipated financial impact on individuals:
 - (i) should their eligibility for a CSHC be revoked, and
 - (ii) if they are affected by changes to the partner service pension;
- (c) how measures contained in the bill will be administered; and
- (d) the empirical and financial modelling underpinning the introduction of these measures, particularly in relation to income testing for the Baby Bonus, FBT part B, changes to the Partner Service Pension age eligibility and CSHC.

*8 **Senator Ellison:** To move—That the Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report on 24 June 2008, together with the following matters:

- (a) the impact of the changes to the fringe benefits tax (meal cards and eligible work-related items) on employees, employers and other businesses;
- (b) the impact of the changes to the employee share schemes (election mechanism and removal of double taxation) on employees, employers and other businesses; and
- (c) the impact of the changes to the depreciation of computer software on employees, employers and other businesses.

*9 **Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008, together with the following matters:
 - (a) the impact of changes to the thresholds on the number of Australians with private health insurance (PHI), including an examination of how many will abandon their policies as a result and how many will not take up PHI in the future;
 - (b) the modelling underpinning the decision and the veracity of that modelling;
 - (c) the anticipated impact on PHI premiums and PHI products offered;
 - (d) the impact of the change on the cost of living and the consumer price index;
 - (e) including the threshold, PHI rebate and lifetime health cover on increasing PHI membership;
 - (f) the anticipated impact of changes to the threshold on:
 - (i) the public hospital system including waiting lists and the financial requirements of state governments,
 - (ii) the ongoing viability of PHI, and
 - (iii) private hospitals.
- (2) That the inquiry hear evidence in all capital cities and from, inter alia, the private health insurance sector about the impact of the measures in the bill on the industry and on the public hospital system.

***10 Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report not before 18 August 2008, together with the following matters:
 - (a) the impact of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) cost recovery on:
 - (i) patients' timely and affordable access to medicines,
 - (ii) the Australian pharmaceutical industry,
 - (iii) new products and innovation, and
 - (iv) the independence of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee;
 - (b) cost recovery mechanisms in other countries;
 - (c) how cost recovery will improve the timeliness and effectiveness of the current PBS process for listing new medicines; and
 - (d) the modelling and consultation underpinning the decision.
- (2) That, in conducting its inquiry, the committee hear evidence, inter alia, from the pharmaceutical industry, generic medicines industry, consumer and patient health groups, the Department of Health and Ageing, the PBS Evaluation Units and the Australian Medical Association and other medical bodies.

***11 Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the provisions of the following bills:
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008
 - A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008
 - A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008 and
 - A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008,
 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008, together with the following matters:
 - (a) the incidence of the luxury car tax (LCT) and the effect of the proposed increase in the LCT rate on rural and regional communities, small business families and tourism operators;
 - (b) the effect of the LCT increase on the prices of vehicles, the affordability of motor vehicles, the cost of living, and the consumer price index (CPI);
 - (c) the expected impact of the increase in the LCT rate on vehicle demand and the likely consequences for government revenues including from the LCT, goods and services tax (GST) and stamp duty;
 - (d) the growing incidence of the LCT over time and the adequacy of current arrangements for indexation of the LCT threshold, in comparison with alternative measures including the CPI, average weekly earnings and the increase in the retail price of motor vehicles;
 - (e) the rationale for taxing 'luxury' cars at a higher rate than other goods and services;

- (f) the effect of the LCT and the proposed increase in the LCT rate on Australian vehicle manufacturers and vehicle importers and distributors;
 - (g) the overall taxation burden on ownership and operation of motor vehicles including customs duty, GST, LCT stamp duty and excise on fuel;
 - (h) the effect of the LCT and the proposed increase in the LCT rate on the adoption of vehicle safety features and environmental technologies; and
 - (i) the extent to which the LCT is viewed as a non-tariff barrier by other car exporting countries.
- (2) That:
- (a) as a minimum, the committee hold hearings in Melbourne and Adelaide and hear evidence, inter alia, from Australia's vehicle manufacturers, importers and distributors as well as from the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, the Australian Automobile Association, the Motor Trades Association of Australia, the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the Motor Trades Association of Queensland and the tourism industry; and
 - (b) the committee also take into account submissions to, and recommendations of, the Bracks' Review of Australia's Automotive Industry.

***12 Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the provisions of the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 26 August 2008, together with the following matters:
 - (a) the impact of the changes on retail prices of domestic gas and electricity in Western Australia, and any consequent effect on consumer prices;
 - (b) the impact of the decision on the industry generally and on the exploration for petroleum products in Australia; and
 - (c) the impact of the decision, and the decision-making process, on domestic and international investment confidence in Australia.
- (2) That the committee must conduct hearings in Western Australia and hear evidence from, inter alia, industry bodies and joint venture partners on the North West Shelf.

***13 Senator Ellison:** To move—

- (1) That the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 29 September 2008, together with the following matters:
 - (a) the impact of the proposed Fuelwatch scheme on the price consumers will pay for motor fuel (including unleaded petrol, diesel and LPG) in metropolitan areas, regional centres and rural Australia;
 - (b) the economic benefits and costs of the proposed Fuelwatch scheme to consumers in metropolitan areas, regional centres and rural Australia;

- (c) other economic costs of the proposed Fuelwatch scheme, including the compliance costs of the scheme for industry, particularly independent retailers;
 - (d) the impact of the proposed Fuelwatch scheme on competition between motor fuel retailers and the operation and viability of independent motor fuel retailers;
 - (e) intraday price volatility in the retail market, established price cycles in each state and territory, and consumer awareness of price cycles;
 - (f) the impact of Fuelwatch on discounting, as well as the amplitude and duration of price cycles, including any penalties that will apply to motor fuel retailers for not fixing prices for 24 hour periods;
 - (g) the potential use under the Fuelwatch scheme of sophisticated pricing strategies by motor fuel retailers who have more than one retail outlet, and how they may take advantage of the 24 hour rule;
 - (h) independent analysis of the overall economic benefits and costs of the proposed Fuelwatch scheme;
 - (i) independent analysis of the differences in motor fuel prices between Western Australia and other Australian states and territories, with particular reference to volumetric or consumption-weighted prices; and
 - (j) the legal basis for the legislation.
- (2) That, in conducting its inquiry, the committee:
- (a) hear evidence in all capital cities and in such major rural and regional centres as may be determined by the committee; and
 - (b) hear evidence, inter alia, from independent retailers, motoring bodies with knowledge of the retail motor fuel market, business organisations with an interest in motor fuel prices and independent think tanks and economists who have knowledge of retail pricing arrangements in the motor fuel industry.

*14 **Senator Ellison:** To move—That the provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 be referred to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report not before 18 August 2008.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 16 June 2008

*1 **Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That:

- (1) On Tuesday, 17 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to adjournment; and
 - (b) the routine of business from 5 pm shall be:
 - (i) valedictory statements, and
 - (ii) after the conclusion of valedictory statements or at not later than midnight, whichever is the earlier, the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.

- (2) On Wednesday, 18 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment; and
 - (b) the routine of business from 5.30 pm shall be:
 - (i) valedictory statements, and
 - (ii) the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.
- (3) On Thursday, 19 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 3.45 pm shall be government business only;
 - (c) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) not be proceeded with;
 - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (4) The Senate shall sit on Friday, 20 June 2008 and that:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9 am to 4.25 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business shall be:
 - (i) notices of motion, and
 - (ii) government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 3.45 pm.
- (5) On Monday, 23 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 7 pm shall be government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (6) On Tuesday, 24 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to adjournment;
 - (b) the routine of business from approximately 5.30 pm shall be:
 - (i) Senator Murray to make a valedictory statement, and
 - (ii) government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (7) On Wednesday, 25 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9 am to adjournment; and
 - (b) the routine of business from 6.50 pm shall be:
 - (i) valedictory statements, and
 - (ii) the Senate shall adjourn without any question being put.
- (8) On Thursday, 26 June 2008:
 - (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to adjournment;

- (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
 - (c) the routine of business from not later than 3.45 pm shall be government business only;
 - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (e) if the Senate is sitting at 11 pm, the sitting of the Senate shall be suspended till 9 am on Friday, 27 June 2008.
- (9) In making valedictory statements in accordance with this order, a senator shall not speak for more than 20 minutes.
- *2 **Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the government business order of the day relating to the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 be discharged from the *Notice Paper*.

Orders of the Day

- *1 **Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008**
Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong), in continuation, 16 June 2008*).
- *2 **National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *3 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *4 **First Home Saver Accounts Bill 2008**
Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Bill 2008
First Home Saver Accounts (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *5 **Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *6 **Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *7 **Higher Education Support Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *8 **Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

- 9 **Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (2007 Election Commitments) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 15 May 2008*).
- *10 **Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Bill 2008**
Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *11 **Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *12 **Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *13 **Law Officers Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *14 **Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco Content) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *15 **Farm Household Support Amendment (Additional Drought Assistance Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *16 **Fisheries Legislation Amendment (New Governance Arrangements for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority and Other Matters) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *17 **Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *18 **Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *19 **Quarantine Amendment (National Health Security) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *20 **Health Insurance Amendment (90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *21 **Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Employment Entry Payment) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

- *22 **Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (1999 Montreal Convention and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *23 **Customs Amendment (Strengthening Border Controls) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *24 **Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *25 **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *26 **National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *27 **Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *28 **Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *29 **Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *30 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *31 **Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *32 **Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *33 **Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *34 **Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (International Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).

- *35 **Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**
Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *36 **National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008**
National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *37 **Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Bill 2008**
Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- *38 **Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008**
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008
A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 16 June 2008*).
- 39 **Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Assessments and Advertising) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 14 May 2008*).
- 40 **Lands Acquisition Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Carr, 14 May 2008*).
- 41 **Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 15 May 2008*).
- 42 **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
 Second reading—Adjourned debate (*15 May 2008*).
- 43 **Budget statement and documents 2008-09**
 Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (*adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008*).

44 Governor-General's Opening Speech

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Wortley—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

45 Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 11 March 2008*).

46 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008—(*Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Conroy*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*20 March 2008*).

**ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

***1 Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee—Report—A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Payne)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 June 2008*).

***2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 16 June 2008*).

3 Privileges—Standing Committee—133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Brandis)—That the Senate endorse the finding at paragraph 1.31 of the 133rd report of the Committee of Privileges (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

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

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Boyce, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

Orders of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 27 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Emergency management Australia—Attorney-General's Department**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 2 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 28 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Defence's compliance with the Public Works Committee approval processes—Department of Defence**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 3 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 29 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Parent School Partnerships Initiative—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 4 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's use of data matching and analytics in tax administration—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 5 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of recruitment in the Australian Public Service**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 6 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 32 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Preparation of the Tax Expenditure Statement—Department of the Treasury**
Consideration (*13 May 2008*).
- 7 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 33 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The National Capital Authority's management of national assets—National Capital Authority**
Consideration (*15 May 2008*).
- *8 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of the pathology quality and outlays memorandum of understanding—Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- *9 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Building certification of residential aged care homes—Department of Health and Ageing**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- *10 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 40 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Taxpayers' charter: Follow-up audit—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).

- *11 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2007-08—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office’s strategies to address tax haven compliance risks—Australian Taxation Office**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *12 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of credit cards**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *13 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Administration of Job Network service fees—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *14 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Managing e-Business applications: Follow-up audit—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (16 June 2008).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 13 February 2008

- 18 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes:
 - (i) the contempt in which the Australian Labor Party (ALP) has historically held upper houses around the country, including a platform to abolish all upper houses until 1979, the abolition of the upper house in Queensland and a current policy to abolish the South Australian Legislative Council,
 - (ii) that the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) has reduced the number of sitting weeks in the Senate in 2008, and
 - (iii) that the Deputy Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) has already demanded legislation be passed without adequate scrutiny in the Senate; and
 - (b) given the above, condemns the Rudd Labor Government for continuing the ALP’s legacy of inherent contempt for the Senate.

Notice given 11 March 2008

- 29 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Education, no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday, 20 March 2008, a copy of the Department of Education, Science and Training review of private school funding report.

37 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison): To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) that Amnesty International, CARE International UK, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Medecins du Monde UK, Oxfam, Save the Children UK and Trocaire, in the week beginning 2 March 2008 said that the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is now worse than it was at any time since Israel occupied the Palestinian territories in 1967,
- (ii) that those organisations in the week beginning 9 March 2008 described Israel's blockade of Gaza as a collective punishment of the entire Gazan population of 1.5 million and said it was unacceptable and illegal,
- (iii) that the situation has worsened since Israel imposed the severe restrictions over the Gaza Strip and hindered the movement of residents and goods,
- (iv) that poverty levels in the Gaza Strip are rising and that hospitals are suffering 12 hour power cuts each day while water and sewage systems are close to collapse,
- (v) that the United Nations (UN) emergency relief coordinator in Gaza says medical services are deteriorating, private industry has more or less collapsed, hospitals lack sufficient beds, drugs, resuscitation devices, needles and blood to meet the demand and more than 80 per cent of the population are receiving emergency rations from UN agencies as their main source of food,
- (vi) that 40 per cent of the Gaza population has access to water for only a few hours a day and that municipal authorities lack the fuel and spare parts needed to maintain water delivery infrastructure which could collapse at any time and that 40 million litres of raw or partially-treated sewage is being pumped into the Mediterranean Sea every day with long-term risks to the environment, and
- (vii) that the International Save the Children Alliance advised that hundreds of thousands of children are among those most at risk in the crisis in Gaza with increased levels of chronic disease, anaemia, diarrhoea and malnutrition in children under 5 years of age;

(b) urges the Government to work with the international community and parties to the conflict to, as a matter of urgency:

- (i) establish procedures to manage the crossings and re-establish full humanitarian and commercial access to Gaza,
- (ii) enforce the full implementation of the 2005 Agreement on Movement and Access, which was announced by the United States Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, in Jerusalem on 15 November 2005,
- (iii) develop a strategy that ensures the protection of children and other civilians in Gaza, while negotiations continue for an end to the violence and a comprehensive settlement of the conflict, and
- (iv) increase the levels of humanitarian aid in Gaza to reflect the severity of need; and

- (c) considers that celebrating the 60th anniversary of Israel's statehood should not be interpreted as endorsement of action that gave rise to such crises or approval of the failure to deliver peace and a separate state for Palestinians, an objective that appears less likely now than at any time in the past 60 years.

Notice given 19 March 2008

- 63 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Smith) to seek the abandonment of the death sentence in China.

Notice given 13 May 2008

- 68 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the findings of the Court of Appeal in overturning a decision of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal which had granted approval to the Romsey Hotel to install gaming machines, stating:
 ‘... if the approval of gaming at particular premises is likely to cause unhappiness or discontent in that community (or any part or parts of it), that consequence is a “social impact of approval” which will be “detrimental to the well-being of the community”. It will be detrimental to well-being because it diminishes the citizens’ sense of happiness with, or contentment in, their community’, and
 ‘the fact that the ... Act *allows* gaming to occur in approved premises does not mean that any Victorian community is *obliged* to accept gaming machines’;
- (b) recognises that the interests of any community must precede the commercial interests of approved premises and that of governments that derive revenue from the operation of gambling machines; and
- (c) calls on the Government to urge all state and territory governments to recognise the right of local communities, through their councils, to reject applications for poker machine venues in their municipalities.

- 69 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) calls on the Government to work with state and territory governments to close the gap between school sectors on access to music education; and
- (b) recognises that:
- (i) playing music:
 - (A) builds or modifies neural pathways related to spatial reasoning tasks, which are crucial for higher brain functions like complex maths, chess and science,
 - (B) improves concentration, memory and self expression,
 - (C) increases reasoning capacity, time management and the ability to think in the abstract, and
 - (D) improves the ability to think,
 - (ii) learning music helps underperforming students improve, and
 - (iii) music students learn critical teamwork and social skills.

Notice given 15 May 2008

- 94 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That—
- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:
 - (a) a list of all appointments made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies including the term of the appointment and remuneration for the position; and
 - (b) a list of existing vacancies to be filled by government appointment to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies.
 - (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
 - (3) This order is of continuing effect.

- 95 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That—
- (1) There be laid on the table, by each minister in the Senate, in respect of each department or agency administered by that minister, or by a minister in the House of Representatives represented by that minister, by not later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings:

A list of all grants approved in each portfolio or agency, including the value of the grant, recipient of the grant and the program from which the grant was made.
 - (2) If the Senate is not sitting when a statement is ready for presentation, the statement is to be presented to the President under standing order 166.
 - (3) This order is of continuing effect.

Notice given 16 June 2008

- *96 **Senator Hogg:** To move—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 18 June 2008, and Wednesday, 25 June 2008, from 11 am to 1.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports.
- *97 **Chair of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (Senator McEwen):** To move—That the report of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee on waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 be presented by 28 August 2008.
- *98 **Senator Bernardi:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to sexual offences against children, and for related purposes. *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008.*

*99 **Senator Bernardi:** To move—That there be laid on the table, no later than 5 pm on 23 June 2008, a list of the commitments made by the Government during the election period to provide grants for sports and recreation facilities, which are being administered by the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, showing the recipients, locations and amounts of the grants.

*100 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) despite the relative improvement in the security situation in Iraq, the Iraqi people continue to live in an atmosphere of general chaos including lawlessness, unbridled terrorism, insecurity and the spread of organised crime, and

(ii) Iraqi women are subjected to various forms of discrimination, oppression and exploitation and face violence on a daily basis, they are facing mass killings because of widespread terrorism targeting them and that heinous murders are committed against them in broad daylight with impunity;

(b) condemns the crimes of killing women in Iraq and denounces all forms of violations of their human rights; and

(c) calls on the Government to promote an international fact-finding mission to Iraq, organised by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights, with the participation of international human rights organisations, to investigate the crimes committed against women and to help the Iraqi authorities to identify the perpetrators and work to stop these crimes, and to:

(i) expose the criminals and those who stand behind them, and bring them to justice,

(ii) disclose the outcome of the investigations,

(iii) take measures to safeguard personal freedoms that are constitutionally guaranteed,

(iv) take deterrent measures to ensure the safety of citizens and to protect their lives, and

(v) act firmly to improve the conditions of women and facilitate their involvement in the reconstruction process.

*101 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the statement by the Australian Industry Group, the Australian Council of Trade Unions, the Australian Education Union, Group Training Australia and the Dusseldorp Skills Forum 'Facing up to Australia's Skills Challenge', in which priorities are proposed for:

(i) a focus on improving the quality and increasing the number of Australians with vocational education and training qualifications which meet future industry and workforce needs,

(ii) the centrality of industry,

(iii) improved youth engagement and attainment,

(iv) the crucial role for student support and for intermediaries,

(v) national workforce development and existing worker strategies,

- (vi) genuine competency-based progression and improved apprenticeship completions,
 - (vii) a review of traineeships,
 - (viii) a public and industry investment strategy for vocational education and training,
 - (ix) a clear vision for flexible and responsive vocational education providers, and for the future of technical and further education in particular, and
 - (x) a focus on the skills needed for a low carbon economy; and
- (b) calls on the Government to adopt these priorities and to seriously consider the strategies suggested in the statement as soon as possible.

*102 **Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that on 11 June and 12 June 2008 citizens and scientists came together in Canberra for the 2008 Manning Clark House Conference ‘Imagining the Real Life on a Greenhouse Earth’, in honour of former federal Minister, the Honourable Dr Barry Jones, AO, and concluded that:
- (i) global warming is accelerating,
 - (ii) the Arctic summer sea ice is expected to melt entirely within the next 5 years, decades earlier than predicted in the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2007),
 - (iii) scientists judge the risks to humanity of dangerous global warming to be high,
 - (iv) the loss of the Great Barrier Reef now seems likely,
 - (v) extreme weather events, such as storm surges adding to rising sea levels and threatening coastal cities, will become more frequent,
 - (vi) there is a real danger that we have reached or will soon reach critical tipping points and the future will be taken out of our hands – the melting Arctic sea ice could be the first such tipping point,
 - (vii) beyond 2°C of warming seems inevitable, unless greenhouse gas reduction targets are tightened, and we risk huge human and societal costs, and perhaps even the effective end of industrial civilisation,
 - (viii) we need to cease our assault on our own life support system and that of millions of species, and that global warming is only one of many symptoms of that assault,
 - (ix) peak oil, global warming and long-term sustainability pressures all require that we reduce energy needs and switch to renewable energy sources and many credible studies show that Australia can quickly and cost-effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions through dramatic improvements in energy efficiency and by increasing Australia’s investment in solar, wind and other renewable sources,
 - (x) the need for action is extremely urgent and the window of opportunity for avoiding severe impacts is rapidly closing, yet the obstacles to change are not technical or economic, they are political and social, and
 - (xi) democratic societies have responded successfully to dire and immediate threats, as was demonstrated in World War II and this is a last call for an effective response to global warming;

- (b) thanks the delegates of this conference, including Professor Barry Brook, Sir Hubert Wilkins, Dr Geoff Davies, Dr Andrew Glikson and Mr Sebastian Clark for their efforts in drawing this warning to the Senate's attention; and
- (c) urges the Government to act on these conclusions.

***103 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) United Nations (UN) efforts to accomplish the decolonisation process in Western Sahara have not been successful yet,
 - (ii) more than 165 000 Saharawis have been living in refugee camps in the south-west of Algeria for the past 33 years in dire conditions,
 - (iii) the UN Security Council adopted Resolutions 1754 and 1783 (2007) whereby it called on Morocco and the Polisario independence movement to enter into negotiations, in good faith and without preconditions with a view to achieving a peaceful solution that provides a genuine opportunity for the Saharawi people to exercise their right to self-determination,
 - (iv) Polisario has offered a reasonable and genuine proposal for a peaceful solution to the conflict which complies with international legality and was noted in Security Council Resolutions 1754 and 1783,
 - (v) a just, lasting and democratic solution to the question of Western Sahara can be achieved through the organisation of a free and fair referendum to allow the Saharawi people to exercise their right to self-determination, in accordance with the UN resolutions, and
 - (vi) a UN failure in Western Sahara would compromise its credibility and lead to instability in north-west Africa;
- (b) calls on both parties in the conflict, Morocco and the Polisario, to cooperate fully with the UN in its efforts to find a speedy and peaceful resolution to the conflict in Western Sahara; and
- (c) urges the Government to make representations to:
 - (i) the UN, urging it to proceed in organising the long overdue referendum of self-determination without further delays, and
 - (ii) the Moroccan Government, asking it to respect human rights in the occupied territories of Western Sahara.

***104 Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that remote area nurses are the mainstay of health service provision in remote Indigenous communities, often providing the only local health service available;
- (b) recognises that remote area nurses provide an invaluable service to some of the most disadvantaged populations in Australia, while their work context and role put them at risk of emotional and physical burnout due to insufficient access to resources, limited professional support and social and cultural isolation; and

- (c) calls on the Government to recognise the primacy of remote area nurses in providing health care to remote Indigenous communities and to improve remote area nurse representation in government efforts to develop long-term plans of action to overturn existing inequalities in health services between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
- *105 **Senator Johnston:** To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to make provisions for the better operation of the solar rebate scheme. *Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008*.
- *106 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the high level of support in the Australian community for the Government to take international legal action to stop ‘scientific whaling’ in Australia’s Antarctic territorial waters;
 - (b) expresses its continuing deep concern at the killing of the whales in Australian waters; and
 - (c) urges the Government to immediately commence international legal action to stop the killing of whales in Australian waters.
- *107 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate declares its opposition to the rates of excise contained in the Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2008) and the Customs Tariff Proposals No. 1 (2008) tabled in the House of Representatives on 13 May 2008 unless and until the Government tables in the Senate a comprehensive and costed plan of new action to address the \$10 billion per annum problem of alcohol abuse in Australia.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

2 National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

3 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

4 Central Land Council—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

5 Northern Land Council—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

6 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2006-07

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

- 7 **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 8 **Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 9 **Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 10 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 221/07 to 346/07—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 12 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 11 **Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Financial statements for 2006-07**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 12 **Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).
- 13 **Migration Act 1958—Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).
- 14 **Migration Act 1958—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 29 February 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).
- 15 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 366/08 to 412/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 13 May 2008**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).
- *16 **Estimates of proposed supplementary expenditure for 2007-08—Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolio**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).
- *17 **Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06**
Consideration (*16 June 2008*).

- *18 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Defence portfolio—Correction**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *19 **Which way home? A new approach to homelessness—Green paper by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Housing, dated May 2008**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *20 **Estimates of proposed expenditure for 2008-09—Portfolio budget statements—Portfolios and executive departments—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio—Corrigendum**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *21 **Department of Education, Science and Training—Australian vocational and technical education system—Report for 2006**
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *22 ***Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967—Review of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority operational activities, dated February–March 2008***
Consideration (16 June 2008).
- *23 **Equine influenza: The August 2007 outbreak in Australia—Commission of Inquiry—Report by the Honourable Ian Callinan, AC, dated April 2008**
Consideration (16 June 2008).

Orders of the Day

- 2 **Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 3 **Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 4 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 13 February 2008*).
- 8 **Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bartlett*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 9 **Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

- 10 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Nettle*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Nettle, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).
- 11 **Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown and Senators Bishop and Bartlett*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 12 **Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Murray and Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 13 **Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 14 **Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 15 **Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 16 **Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 17 **Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 18 **Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Murray*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 19 **National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 20 **Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 21 **Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).
- 22 **Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading (*restored 14 February 2008*).

- 23 **Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—
(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 24 **Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 25 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 26 **Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 27 **Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 28 **Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 29 **Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 30 **Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison, and Senators Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 31 **State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Murray)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 32 **Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 33 **Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 34 **Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).
- 35 **Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(Senator Stott Despoja)
Second reading (restored 14 February 2008).

36 Rural and Regional Australia

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nash—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the challenges facing Australia's rural and regional communities, and
- (ii) that the Government is showing its contempt of rural and regional Australia, including through cuts to rural and regional funding programs; and

(b) calls on the Labor Government to continue the strong commitment of the former Coalition Government to rural and regional Australia (*Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens), in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

37 Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison))

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Allison, in continuation, 12 March 2008*).

38 Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006 [2008]

Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bills)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

39 Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

40 Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

41 Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

43 Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

44 Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2007 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)

Second reading (*restored 12 March 2008*).

46 Budget and the economy

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Eggleston—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the concern of Australians given the impending budget cuts proposed by Labor's razor gang, and
- (ii) that Labor is showing with its backflips and ill-conceived proposals that it has no idea how to run our trillion dollar economy; and

(b) calls on Labor's razor gang to ensure that no Australian will be worse off when the Budget is delivered in May 2008 (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 13 March 2008*).

47 **Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2008]—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Murray*)

Second reading (*restored 18 March 2008*).

48 **National Commissioner for Children Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Bartlett*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 18 March 2008*).

49 **A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Improved Access to Baby Bonus) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Stott Despoja*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bartlett, in continuation, 20 March 2008*).

51 **Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [2008]—(Senate bill)**—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)

Second reading (*restored 14 May 2008*).

52 **Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

53 **Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Milne*)

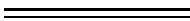
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 15 May 2008*).

54 **Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007 [2008]—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Kirk*)

Second reading (*restored 15 May 2008*).

55 **Budget 2008-09**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate acknowledges that the first Rudd-Gillard Government budget is a high taxing, high spending, old fashioned Labor budget that is not inflation fighting (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas), in continuation, 15 May 2008*).



BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (18 June 2008)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

1 **Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding*)

Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).

On 19 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice.

On 23 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the sexualisation of children in the media.

2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

3 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Interim report to be presented on Australia's space science and industry sector.

General Business—Order of the Day

5 **Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

On 24 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on the 2008-09 Budget estimates.

2 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on ready-to-drink alcohol beverages.

On 26 June 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.
- 2 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations.

August 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

- 45 **Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 13 March 2008*).

On 12 August 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

- 7 **Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008*).

On 26 August 2008

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 May 2008

- 1 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 26 November 2008:
 - (a) exemptions for the Exclusive Brethren and its members from Australian laws or administrative decisions;

- (b) public funding, tax or other arrangements which do or may advantage the Exclusive Brethren over other community organisations;
- (c) the activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members which threaten or harm families, in particular, the best interests of children;
- (d) the covert, as against overt, activities of the Exclusive Brethren or its members in the political process in Australia; and
- (e) any related matters.

On 27 August 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **State Government Financial Management—Select Committee**
Report to be presented.

On the first sitting Thursday of August 2008 (28 August 2008)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the lobbying code of conduct.

On 4 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on climate change and the Australian agricultural sector.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on meat marketing.

On 16 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

- 6 **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 February 2008.*)

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2008 (17 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Standing Committees**

Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2008.

On 18 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on special disability trusts.

On 30 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

First report to be presented.

No later than October 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on Australia's space science and industry sector.

On 16 October 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme.

2 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 30 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Second report to be presented.

June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on provisions of Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008.

Not before June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the 2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008.

General Business—Order of the Day

50 **Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 14 May 2008*).

On 30 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Third report to be presented.

On 30 March 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Fourth report to be presented.

On 30 September 2010

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee**

Final report to be presented.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 14 February 2008; reporting date: 18 June 2008*).

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*).

Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 14 May 2008; reporting date: not before June 2009*).

Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date: August 2008*).

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March 2008; reporting date: 12 August 2008*).

Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March 2008; reporting date: 23 June 2008*).

Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 16 June 2008*).

Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in the Senate Daily Bills Update at www.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/billsnet/billsupd.pdf.

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS NEGATIVED

Government bills**Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008****Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Repeal Bill 2008**

Second reading negatived, 19 March 2008.

Private senators' bills**Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [2008]**

Second reading negatived, 20 March 2008.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 17 to 435 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 12 February 2008

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 13-48)—As at 26 November 2007, with reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many employees are engaged in positions responsible for public affairs, media management, liaison with the media and media monitoring.
- (2) What are the responsibilities of these staff.
- (3) What are the Australian Public Service classifications of these positions.
- (4) For each of the financial years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11, what is the current operating budget for these media-related sections within the department or agency.

17 Minister representing the Treasurer

29 Minister for Climate Change and Water

30 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

32 Minister for Human Services

33 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

37 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

38 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

45 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

109 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government stand by its commitment to support a nuclear weapons convention, made on 14 August 2007 by the then Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Robert McClelland in a speech to the United Nations Association.
- (2) Does the Government still consider the idea of a nuclear weapons convention as 'responsible and timely'; if so, to what extent and in what manner.
- (3) Will the Government support moves to implement a nuclear weapons convention in the terms suggested by the Middle Powers Initiative and the updated model nuclear weapons convention, adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly as a discussion document in December 2007.
- (4) In detail, what is the Government's response to the updated model nuclear weapons convention, tabled by Malaysia and Costa Rica in the UN General Assembly Plenary in December 2007.
- (5) Will the Government proceed with the creation of a new Canberra Commission, as promised by the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) prior to the 2007 election; if so, when.

- (6) (a) Is the Minister aware that a key recommendation of the original Canberra Commission was the lowering of the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems; and (b) how has the Government decided to respond to that recommendation and to recommendation 17 of the final report of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee, chaired by Dr Hans Blix and tabled on 1 June 2006, to the same effect.
- (7) Does the Government consider the UN resolution 'Renewed determination toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons' (the renewed determination) to be an appropriate response.
- (8) In regard to the more recent resolution L.29 on decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons system, co-sponsored by New Zealand, Chile, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland: (a) in what way does it differ from the renewed determination; (b) why did Japan, a co-sponsor of the renewed determination, vote in favour of L.29; (c) were there any reasons, other than the exigencies of time, for the incoming Government not to have voted in support of resolution L.29 on operating status as Japan, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, and New Zealand did; (d) what is the reaction of the Government to the passage of that text by the UN General Assembly in a vote of 136 to 3; (e) why did the three nations, with whom Australia so frequently votes, vote for this resolution while Australia abstained; (f) why was this abstention maintained in the UN General Assembly Plenary; (g) from which non-government organisations did the Government receive correspondence suggesting that it ought to change its vote in the Plenary; and (h) is there anything in the text of resolution L.29 that is, or could be interpreted as being, in any way destabilising; if so, what constructive changes might be made to the resolution.
- (9) Will the Government try to advance the issue of nuclear weapons operating status: (a) at the 2008 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee (NPT PrepCom); (b) at the next UN General Assembly First Committee; and/or (c) in its discussions with the United States of America and/or Russia.
- (10) Will the Government consider working together with: (a) New Zealand, Chile, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland at the NPT PrepCom to write a working paper on nuclear weapons operational status; (b) the New Agenda group, both on this issue and more widely on nuclear disarmament issues at the NPT PrepCom; and (c) the New Agenda and the Non-Aligned Movement groups, as well as the western groups and the nuclear weapons states, to promote ongoing progress in nuclear disarmament and strategic stability both via the measures set out in the final report of the Year 2000 NPT review and in the renewed determination, and via a lowering in nuclear weapons operational readiness.
- (11) What further steps will the Government take towards: (a) lowering nuclear weapons operational readiness; and (b) bringing the world closer to the creation and implementation of a nuclear weapons convention, along the lines of the updated model convention submitted to the UN General Assembly Plenary.

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 117-152)—With reference to Senator Minchin's letter to the Minister representing the Prime Minister, dated 1 February 2008, can the following information be provided prior to each round of Estimates and for Additional Estimates by 13 February 2008:

- (1) (a) What appointments have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers) to statutory authorities, executive agencies and advisory boards within the Minister's portfolio; and (b) for each appointment, what are the respective appointee's credentials.
- (2) How many vacancies remain to be filled by ministerial (including Cabinet and Executive Council) appointments.
- (3) What grants have been approved by the Minister from within the Minister's portfolio.
- (4) What requests have been submitted to the Department of Finance and Deregulation to move funds within the Minister's portfolio.

121 Minister representing the Treasurer

124 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

125 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

127 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

136 Minister for Human Services

137 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

141 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

142 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

149 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

150 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 9 May 2008*)

152 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 9 May 2008*)

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 225-260)—

- (1) (a) Since 24 November 2007, what federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia have been cut and/or discontinued in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies; and (b) what savings have been made from these cuts.
- (2) (a) What plans does the Government have to cut and/or discontinue federal funding, programs and/or services to Western Australia in any of the Minister's portfolio agencies in the coming period; and (b) what estimated savings would be made from these cuts.

229 Minister representing the Treasurer

245 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

249 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

250 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

257 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

269 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What costs would be incurred and what ramifications are there if the administration of the Medicare Levy surcharge was adjusted to ensure that it affects or is calculated for same-sex couples on the same basis as mixed-sex couples.

- (2) In view of the Prime Minister's statements in favour of ending discriminatory provisions, does the government intend to address this deficiency.

270 **Senator Murray:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) With reference to the former Treasurer's statement of 27 June 2007 on the release of the 2006 census information that 'the Census forms the basis for our electoral system, the provision of services and policy to meet the challenges that we face': does this mean that the effects of fly-in and fly-out workers who record their domicile elsewhere, or of transient/tourist numbers, will not be sufficiently taken into account for the provision of services in shires such as Roebourne and Wyndham East Kimberley; if not, how are fly-in fly-out or transient/tourist requirements factored in.
- (2) Given that, according to the recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) census figures, in the Kimberley Region, between 2001 and 2006, the population of Broome has risen by only 1.8 per cent, or 1 240 people, and in the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, by just 0.4 per cent, or 133 people: (a) why do these figures differ from the shires' views as to significant real population growth; and (b) how were these figures arrived at, given, for instance, that school student numbers, a good indicator of permanency, in the region have risen by more than this amount in absolute terms (e.g. at Kununurra District High School, by at least 13 per cent).
- (3) Do census collectors obtain accurate figures from Indigenous communities in the Kimberley; if not, what is the degree of error.
- (4) Has the ABS investigated its figures to determine how such apparent small rises in overall population in the Kimberley can be possible, given the rise in housing demand and construction in these areas since the 2001 census and the overall increase in numbers of children enrolled in the local schools, in some areas, up at least 10 per cent.
- (5) Given that, according to an ABS seminar in Kununurra in 2007, the community was advised that the figures for the 2006 census were collated based on 'place of enumeration' while the method used in the 1996 census and the 2001 census was 'usual place of residence': (a) what impact has this change had on the census outcome; and (b) have Australians still continued to identify their usual place of residence (e.g. Perth) rather than place of enumeration (e.g. Argyle Mine).
- (6) Can the Treasurer confirm that any funding allocations from the Commonwealth, which are aligned to population numbers based on the census, will take into account other factors, such as housing demand and school enrolments in the East Kimberley, when considering funding allocation.

Notice given 13 February 2008

281 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—Are banks with an Australian banking licence permitted to hold data or records on accounts in associated banks or subsidiaries domiciled in known tax havens.

283 **Senator Webber:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) ever place any restrictions, formally or informally, on Mr Murray Nugent or the companies he was involved with, specifically Reward Insurance Ltd and Australian Home Warranty Pty Ltd, on writing licensed builder home warranty insurance (LBHWI) from 1 July 1999 onwards.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that Mr Nugent continued to write LBHWI through Rewards Insurance Ltd after 1 July 1999.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that APRA has the power to disqualify an individual from holding roles within the Australian insurance industry; if so, why has APRA never moved to disqualify Mr Nugent from operating in the insurance industry.
- (4) If Reward Insurance Ltd was under the minimum capital requirements for insurance companies from 2001 onwards, why did not APRA shut the company down.
- (5) Can an outline be provided of all investigations, recommendations and directions undertaken and instigated into Reward Insurance Ltd since 1999 by: (a) APRA; and (b) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
- (6) Can the Minister confirm that investigations by APRA and ASIC into Reward Insurance Ltd and Mr Nugent have stalled since May 2005; if so, why.

Notice given 4 March 2008

344 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—Given: (a) the announcement of the then Minister for the Environment and Water Resources on 20 February 2007 that conventional, incandescent light bulbs are to be phased out over the next 3 years and replaced with energy-saving globes; (b) the release of a discussion paper on 17 December 2007 on the proposed phase-out of incandescent bulbs and a minimum energy standard of 15 lumens per watt by 2010 and 20 lumens per watt by 2013; (c) that market-proven compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) represent more than 15 per cent of the market share, with sales increasing rapidly and exponentially; (d) that CFLs are typically 60 lumens per watt, which is four times more efficient than the cut-off threshold proposed in the discussion paper; (e) that the additional benefits of high efficiency lighting are the energy savings and longer lifetime; and (f) that compared to incandescent lamps, high efficiency lighting saves in the order of \$50 to \$100 over its lifetime, has, on average, a 3 year payback and delivers a very competitive greenhouse abatement cost of \$3 per tonne:

- (1) What policy options, other than the Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), were considered.
- (2) Was a simplified energy label, supported by government promotion of high efficiency lighting solutions or rebates for efficient lamps, considered.
- (3) What role did industry play in forming this standard.
- (4) Given that setting a higher MEPS level and faster timetable or faster MEPS would be consistent with the Minister's policy objectives, why is a lower and slower MEPS being implemented.

348 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 26 March 2008*)—Given that: (a) the transport and stationary energy sectors are the largest greenhouse emitting sectors in Australia; (b) the stationary energy and other sectors have much less capacity for reductions than the transport sector; (c) motor vehicles are responsible for approximately 80 per cent of transport emissions, with public transport responsible for 3 per cent; (d) with oil approaching \$US100 a barrel, demand for mass transport has risen by 20 per cent since the beginning of 2007 and is likely to rise another 10 per cent in 2008:

- (1) What plan is in place to achieve cuts from the transport sector by 2010.
- (2) What strategic direction has been provided to state governments in line with stated greenhouse emission cuts.
- (3) What strategic direction and actions are being taken to develop alternative fuels.
- (4) What plans are there to abolish tax concessions and subsidies for road transport.

Notice given 7 March 2008

360 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) How many new surgical procedures have been put to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) for consideration since 2004.
- (2) (a) Of these procedures, how many have been recommended by the MSAC to the Minister for funding; and (b) of these recommended procedures: (i) how many have been approved, and (ii) which procedures have not been approved.
- (3) (a) Which surgical procedures remain to be assessed by the MSAC; and (b) of these procedures, which have been with the MSAC for more than 16 months and what are the reasons for the lack of progress on the assessments.

Notice given 12 March 2008

369 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) At any point during the recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, in Sydney, were the spouses of the APEC leaders transported by a coach with a parquet floor; if so: (a) where did the coach come from and how was it transported to Sydney; (b) why was it deemed necessary for the leaders' spouses to be transported in this manner; and (c) who made the decision about what level of luxury the leaders' spouses would travel in.
- (2) What were the costs and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transport of the coach to Sydney.
- (3) Can descriptions be provided of the other features of the vehicles that the leaders' spouses travelled in.

Notice given 17 March 2008

- 373 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Given: (a) the disturbing trend of state governments taking water from agriculture and the environment and diverting it into wasteful urban areas, in preference to adopting lower cost urban water efficiency and demand management activities, occurring at a net loss to the economy through loss of productive farming capacity and consequently increased costs of agricultural products; (b) the study submitted by the Institute for Sustainable Futures to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's inquiry into options for additional water supplies for south east Queensland, *Review of water supply-demand options for South East Queensland*, which found that water savings from demand management activities could deliver an additional 230 billion litres of water each year at a cost of \$1.15 per kilolitre, which is less than the estimated cost (between \$3.38 and \$4.65 per kilolitre) of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, which will only deliver 70 billion litres; and (c) that a kilolitre of water used in agriculture has more potential for value adding than a kilolitre of water used inefficiently in the urban environment and that aggressive water efficiency and harvesting for urban use is cheaper and less environmentally damaging than supply options, such as the Traveston Dam in south east Queensland and the desalination project at Wonthaggi, Victoria:
- (1) What benchmarks and assessment of water have been undertaken.
 - (2) (a) What assessment of water-saving potential has been undertaken; and (b) what is the current market, technological and theoretical water efficiency for Australian cities.
 - (3) How would such analysis inform water efficiency targets.
 - (4) What water efficiency targets are being considered.
 - (5) How will the analysis and the targets inform a national water policy.
 - (6) How would targets be implemented and achieved.
 - (7) What priority has the Government to ensure a best practice approach to delivering aggressive water efficiencies and secure sustainable long-term water supplies for urban areas.
 - (8) Have the recommendations of the report of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee, *The value of water – inquiry into Australia's management of urban water*, tabled on 5 December 2002, been considered for adoption.
 - (9) With reference to the Australian Labor Party's election statement that there is to be an allocation for urban water efficiency, what is the implementation plan and the timeline for this.
 - (10) (a) What partnerships with state government, local government and manufacturers of water efficient appliances are being set up; and (b) what is the program for minimum water performance standards for appliances.
 - (11) Has the department undertaken any analysis of demand-side potential in the south east Queensland area.
 - (12) Can the department verify the Queensland Government's research which suggests that a modular desalination plant would cost only an additional 3 per cent of the \$1.6 billion that the dam would cost, while protecting threatened species habitat and preserving 10 per cent of Australia's dairy industry.

- (13) What is the involvement of the department with the Queensland Government's process to assess the environmental impact of the Traveston Dam.
- (14) What assessment is being undertaken by the department to identify species and habitat affected by the proposed dam.
- (15) What priority is being given to progressing urban water efficiency actions in south east Queensland and thereby avoiding of negative economic and environmental impacts that will be caused by the construction of the Traveston Dam.
- (16) Given that the Traveston Dam was deemed a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in November 2006 and that the Commonwealth has the power under the Act to stop the Traveston Dam if evidence clearly shows that there will be a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance, will the Government undertake an independent assessment of the environmental impact of the proposed dam or will it solely rely on the recommendation of the Queensland Government.
- (17) Have the recommendations contained in the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee report, *Options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland*, been considered for adoption.
- (18) Was the department aware that site work associated with the construction of the dam was commenced prior to approval.
- (19) With reference to the media release of the Queensland Government Minister for Natural Resource and Water (Mr Wallace), dated 21 February 2008, which stated that the Commonwealth Government audit had found that Paradise Dam was compliant with the Act and given that the audit report found that the downstream fishway was only functional with dam capacity above 57 per cent, is the department aware that, due to water allocation commitments, the average water level will be below this level.
- (20) Is the department aware of any information to suggest that housing developers with an association to the Queensland Labor Party are purchasing land from landholders whose holdings have been resumed for, or affected by, the dam.

Notice given 19 March 2008

382 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister's commitment to undertake 'evidence based policy in terms of producing the best outcomes for this nation' in an interview on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *Lateline* program on 8 November 2007, a central theme repeated by ministers of the Government:

- (1) Is the Prime Minister aware of fast growing scientific evidence that climate change is accelerating rapidly, as indicated, among other evidence, by the 23 per cent growth in spring melt of Arctic Sea ice between 2006 and 2007 and by an increase in the rate of mountain glacier melting from 30 centimetres per year between 1980 and 1999 to 1.5 metres in 2006.
- (2) Is the Prime Minister aware that, increasingly, climate scientists doubt dangerous climate change can be avoided unless abrupt reductions in carbon emissions occur in the near future, as reflected, among other evidence, by the theme of an upcoming Australian Academy of Science (AAS) conference 'Dangerous climate change: is it inevitable?'.

- (3) Is the Prime Minister aware that, in the view of climate scientists, climate change can not be halted unless critical reductions are made in carbon emissions in order to attempt to reduce the atmospheric level of carbon dioxide from current levels (of near 450 parts per million (ppm)) to about 350 ppm.
- (4) Does the Prime Minister realise that, by analogy to a medical condition where precise doses of antibiotic need to be administered in time to counter bacterial infection, the runaway climate crisis cannot be mitigated unless critical emission reductions are made in time.
- (5) Is the Prime Minister aware of the danger that, should urgent measures on mitigation not be undertaken, carbon feedback effects from warming oceans and drying biosphere can result in a climate catastrophe, which has happened several times during the recent history of Earth due to solar radiation peaks.
- (6) Is the Prime Minister aware that current rates of carbon dioxide and temperature increases are 1 to 2 orders of magnitude faster than those which occurred during the last glacial termination, between 14.5 and 11.5 thousand years ago.
- (7) Is the Prime Minister aware of the consequences of inaction, including extensive droughts, storminess, acidification of the oceans, collapse of the marine food chain and the flooding of extensive low-lying agricultural regions and coastal cities caused by rising sea levels, leading to forced evacuations of hundreds of millions of people around the world.
- (8) How does the Prime Minister view the consequences of these developments compared to the cost of fast-tracked conversion from carbon-emitting utilities to clean energy applications, including solar-thermal, photovoltaic, wind, hot rocks, hydrogen and other techniques.
- (9) What is the difference in outcomes between the previous Government's denial of climate change and the current Government's apparent reluctance to follow the minimum mitigation measures recommended by the interim Garnaut report, which include emission reductions of between 25 and 40 per cent by 2020 and 90 per cent by 2050.
- (10) Will the forthcoming Treasury report on the economics of climate mitigation also consider the economics of major droughts, storms, rising sea levels and the damage to international trade systems consequent on runaway climate change.
- (11) Given that Australia is a net exporter of coal and has one of the highest per capita carbon pollution rates, is the Prime Minister willing to undertake immediate steps to promote Australian leadership in the world's attempts to stem the looming climate crisis.
- (12) Given the Prime Minister's undertaking that 'my door will always be open to men and women of goodwill who want to participate in making our country even greater in the future' in his election victory speech on 24 November 2007, is the Prime Minister willing to: (a) consider the evidence raised in the critical AAS meeting on 9 May 2008; and (b) accept a delegation of active climate scientists, in order to obtain direct advice regarding the fast deteriorating state of the atmosphere and its consequences.

Notice given 7 April 2008

397 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy on 21 April 2008*)—In regard to formation waters produced from offshore facilities:

- (1) Can detailed information on waste waters (total produced formation waters) discharged into the ocean during 2005 and 2006 from all production platforms around the north west coast of Australia be provided, including: (a) the following Timor Sea producing platforms, feeding Darwin (off the North Kimberley Coast): Puffin, Jabiru, Challis/Cassini, Blacktip (Bonaparte Basin, close to the Kimberley Coast near Berkeley), Bayu Undan, Buffalo and Laminaria East; and (b) the following Pilbara producing platforms: Mutineer, Exeter, Hermes, Lambert, Angel, Cossack, Wanaea, Legendre North, Legendre South, Wandoo, Stag, North Rankin, Perseus, Echo/Yodel, Goodwyn South/Pueblo, John Brookes, East Spar, Woollybutt, Chinook/Scindian, Griffin, Yammaderry, Cowle, Crest, Saladin, Skate, Roller, Novara, Enfield, Vincent, Eskdale, Skybarrow, Campbell, Wonnich, Endymion/Sinbad, Bambra, Linda, Harriet/Gudrun, Lee/Rose, North Alkimos, Agincourt, Gipsy, Monet/Simpson/Tanami, S. Plato, Little Sandy/Pedirka/North Pedirka/Hoover, Victoria and Double Island.
- (2) What is the total volume of waste water discharged per year.
- (3) What is the breakdown and concentration, in milligrams per litre, of heavy metal pollution index (HPI) substances in the formation water.
- (4) What mass of HPI substances, in kilograms per year, was emitted from each platform listed in paragraph (1) during 2005 and 2006.

Notice given 9 April 2008

409 **Senator Ellison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—

- (1) As at 1 March 2008, how many people hold a current 410 visa.
- (2) Has the department undertaken, or received from any other department, an estimate costing of a change to the 410 visa to enable holders to be eligible to take up permanent residency; if so, what is the estimate cost.

Notice given 16 April 2008

416 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—Since the Australian Labor Party formed Government, has the Minister or the department made any statements or published any material indicating the year in which it is expected that the first commercial-scale power station will be operating with carbon capture and storage; if so: (a) when and where were the statements made or the material published; and (b) what was the year or years indicated.

420 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts on 24 April 2008*)—

- (1) In relation to commitments the Government made in its election policy fact sheet, 'A national energy efficiency goal', what work has been undertaken to:

- (a) ‘accelerate the development and implementation of a nationwide tool for reducing water and energy usage in new homes’;
 - (b) ‘accelerate the roll out of smart meters, and develop and implement national standards for these meters to ensure that compatible technologies are used across Australia’;
 - (c) ‘implement compulsory point-of-sale sustainability scorecards, based on a transparent and nationally consistent protocol for home energy and water efficiency ratings, and work with the housing and real estate industry to encourage point-of-lease scorecards on a voluntary basis’; and
 - (d) ‘establish a new ten-star appliance rating system and Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards to fast track smart efficient technology and work with industry and State and Territory Governments to gradually phase out greenhouse intensive hot water systems’.
- (2) What key performance indicator will be used to assess whether Australia is ‘on track to being at the forefront of OECD energy efficiency improvement’.

Notice given 30 April 2008

- 424 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 14 May 2008*)—Has a decision yet been made to increase the levy on the import and sale of new refrigerant to cope with the increasing volume now required to be reclaimed; if so, what was that decision.
- 429 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 5 May 2008*)—
- (1) Is it the case that Australia, along with Canada and the United States of America, refused to sign or adopt the final report of the United Nations International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development, released in April 2008; if so, why.
 - (2) Does the report, produced by more than 400 of the world’s leading scientists, call for a fundamental change in farming practices in order to address soaring food prices, hunger, social inequities and environmental disaster.
 - (3) Does the report find that industrial agriculture has failed and that genetically-engineered crops are no solution to the problems of poverty, hunger or climate change.
 - (4) Does the report: (a) recommend small-scale farming and agro-ecological methods as the way forward in solving the current food crisis and meeting the needs of local communities; (b) state that Indigenous and local knowledge play as important a role as formal science; and (c) state that a significant departure from the destructive chemical-dependent, one size fits all model of industrial agriculture is needed.
 - (5) What, specifically, is it in this report that the Government disagrees with and why.

Notice given 5 May 2008

- 434 **Senator Ellison:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—
- (1) For each year since 2000, how many people have been found to be working illegally in Australia, and in each case: (a) what was their nationality; and (b) in which state were they found to be working.
 - (2) For each month since July 2007, how many people have been found to be working illegally in Australia, and in each case: (a) what was their nationality; and (b) in which state were they found to be working.
- 435 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recently-released global report on agriculture (International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development, www.agassessment.org) which indicates that support for agro-ecological approaches is essential for the world to continue to be able to feed the world and to optimise sustainability and productivity.
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of the 2007 report of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization which concluded that systems-based agro-ecological approaches could improve ecological sustainability, increase farming productivity, minimise fertiliser costs and increase resilience of the agriculture sector to the environmental impacts of climate change.
 - (3) What action, if any, will the Government take in response to these reports.
 - (4) Will the innovation review address the question of agro-ecological innovation in Australia; if so, how.
 - (5) What were the reasons for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) rejecting funding support for two bids for an organic cooperative research centre.
 - (6) (a) What level and proportion of departmental appropriation revenue is allocated to agricultural research; (b) what level and proportion of this revenue is spent on farm-based research; and (c) of the departmental budget for farm-based research, what proportion is from external funding.
 - (7) (a) What level and proportion of CSIRO appropriation revenue is allocated to agricultural research; (b) what level and proportion of this revenue is spent on farm-based research; (c) of the CSIRO budget for farm-based research, what proportion is from external funding; (d) what level and proportion of the CSIRO Plant Industry's appropriation revenue is spent on farm-based research; and (e) to what research is the remaining revenue allocated.
 - (8) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to studying agro-ecological systems (please provide both figures).
 - (9) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to comparing different farm management practices and their impact on the ecology (please provide both figures).
 - (10) What level and proportion of the farm-based research funding in (6)(b) and (7)(b) is allocated to long-term trials, comparing the impact of organic, biological and conventional farming systems on various indicators of sustainability (please provide both figures).

- (11) What are the changes in budget allocation and expenditure for the areas of research referred to in paragraphs (8) to (10) over the past decade (please provide figures).
- (12) What proportion of CSIRO's collaborations with research and development (R&D) organisations include research areas referred to in paragraphs (8) to (10) (please provide figures).
- (13) What plans are there to carry out long-term comparative field trials that identify how different farming practices, including organic, biological and conventional approaches, impact on the ecology that underpins sustainable farming.
- (14) With reference to the statement by Mr TJ Higgins of the CSIRO on the Special Broadcasting Service's *Insight* program on 22 April 2008 that CSIRO spends 2 per cent of its total research budget on genetically-modified (GM) related research and less than a tenth of this comes from multinational companies: (a) what is the total research budget for GM-related research; (b) what percentage of CSIRO's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on GM-related research; (c) how is the rest allocated; (d) how is GM-related research defined; and (e) does the total research budget include money from research and development corporations or is it appropriation revenue.
- (15) (a) What percentage of CSIRO's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on laboratory-based biotechnologies; and (b) how is the rest allocated.
- (16) Is it the case that CSIRO's agriculture research is increasing laboratory-based work and decreasing on-farm research.
- (17) Does the Minister consider on-farm research to have been neglected by the previous government, leaving the CSIRO without agro-ecological research insights and putting the ongoing sustainability of Australian agriculture at risk.
- (18) What percentage of CSIRO Plant Industry's appropriation revenue allocated to agricultural research is spent on laboratory-based biotechnologies; and (b) how is the rest allocated.
- (19) What arrangements and plans, if any, does the Government and/or CSIRO have for intellectual property agreements and alliances with global agribusiness which control the path to market for agriculture-based products.
- (20) (a) What formal and informal arrangements does CSIRO currently have with global agribusiness that facilitates research in the area of biotechnology; and (b) can a list of these organisations and the arrangements be provided.
- (21) What proportion of the Government's \$130 million initiative to help farmers adapt to climate change (Australia's Farming Future Initiative) will be allocated to an examination of the possible contribution of organic and biological approaches to agriculture.

Notice given 21 May 2008

- 438 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the findings of the New South Wales Coroner’s inquest into the death of Mr Brian Peters, killed at Balibo, East Timor in October 1975 that Mr Peters and his colleagues clearly identified themselves as Australians and as journalists, they were unarmed and dressed in civilian clothes, they had their hands raised in the universally recognised gesture of surrender, and they were shot and/or stabbed to death in a deliberate act by the Indonesian military: Is it the intention of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute the perpetrators for violating the Geneva Convention by the deliberate killing of unarmed civilians; if so, when will the prosecution take place; if not, why not.

Notice given 28 May 2008

- 439 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
- (1) Where is the carbon content of harvested logs reported, other than the portion estimated to be added to the durable wood products carbon store under the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry category in Australia’s: (a) Kyoto accounts; and (b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change accounts.
 - (2) Where will the carbon content of biomass feedstocks (e.g. pulp) and biomass energy from non-annual crops be reported under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System (NGERS).
 - (3) Where will the on-site emissions from logging be reported under NGERS (i.e. the upstream emissions of carbon dioxide which result from logging, excluding the carbon in the logs themselves).
 - (4) Under NGERS, which entity or entities will have responsibility for reporting and abating logging emissions including on-site emissions (from above-ground biomass, below-ground biomass and soil carbon) and emissions from the logs removed from the site, for example, will it be: (a) the land managers (public forestry agencies and private landowners); (b) the logging companies; (c) the processing companies; and/or (d) some other entity.

Notice given 29 May 2008

- 440 **Senator Nettle:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—For each of the years from 2000 to 2006, for which data is available, can the following be provided in respect of Tintern Anglican Girls’ Grammar School in Ringwood East, Victoria and the associated Southwood Boys’ Grammar School:
- (a) the number of: (i) female primary enrolments, (ii) female secondary enrolments, (iii) male primary enrolments, and (iv) male secondary enrolments;
 - (b) per capita funding in respect of: (i) female primary enrolments, (ii) female secondary enrolments, (iii) male primary enrolments, and (iv) male secondary enrolments;
 - (c) the number of students who were below the national benchmark for literacy or numeracy and therefore attracted federal funding to the schools under the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program for: (i) female primary students, (ii) female secondary students, (iii) male primary students, and (iv) male secondary students; and

- (d) total funding to the schools under the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program for students who were below the national benchmark for literacy or numeracy, in respect of: (i) female primary students, (ii) female secondary students, (iii) male primary students, and (iv) male secondary students.

Notice given 30 May 2008

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 441-476)—Since 1 July 2006: (a) has the department or any agency in the Minister's portfolio engaged: (i) CMAX Communications, (ii) Maximum Communications, (iii) Mr Christian Taubenschlag, (iv) Ms Tara Taubenschlag, or (v) any company operated by Mr Christian Taubenschlag or Ms Tara Taubenschlag; and (b) if so, in each case: (i) when was the engagement, (ii) what was the nature of the engagement, (iii) what was the value of the engagement, (iv) what was the term of the engagement, (v) was the engagement entered into after a competitive process; if not, why not, and (vi) did the Minister or any of his/her staff have a role in recommending this engagement.

- 441 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 442 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 443 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 444 Minister representing the Minister for Education
- 445 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 446 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 447 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 448 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 449 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 450 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 451 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 452 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 453 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 454 Special Minister of State
- 455 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 456 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 457 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 458 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 459 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 460 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 461 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 462 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 463 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 464 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 465 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- 466 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 467 Minister representing the Minister for Housing

- 468 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 469 Minister for Human Services
- 470 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2008*)
- 471 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 3 June 2008*)
- 472 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 473 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 474 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 2 June 2008*)
- 475 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2008*)
- 476 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 June 2008*)

Notice given 3 June 2008

- 477 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 272 (Senate *Hansard*, 13 May 2008, p. 127) regarding the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:
- (1) What is the Minister's definition of 'deforestation'.
 - (2) (a) On what date was Weld River coupe WR15F fire bombed for a 'regeneration burn'; and (b) by whom.
 - (3) Was the burn contained within the planned boundaries.
 - (4) With what was coupe WR15F regenerated.
 - (5) (a) What is the current status of the wildlife that was in coupe WR15F before the logging; (b) where did the wildlife go; and (c) what happened to the resident wildlife already in those destinations.
- 478 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 272 (Senate *Hansard*, 13 May 2008, p. 127) regarding the decision to destroy the ancient forest in Weld River coupe WR15F:
- (1) Has the Minister flown over or visited the area; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is the 100 metre buffer adequate to protect the World Heritage Area values from logging, chemical application and fire bombing of coupe WR15F and nearby coupes.
 - (3) What impact has road construction, logging and burning in coupe WR15F had on wilderness values in the adjacent World Heritage Area.

Notice given 4 June 2008

479 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the appointment of Ms Linda Hornsey as Project Director of the 2020 Summit:

- (1) (a) Who notified Ms Hornsey of the Project Director vacancy and when did this occur; or (b) when did Ms Hornsey approach the department to express an interest in being involved.
- (2) Who else was advised about the vacancy.
- (3) Why was the position not advertised.
- (4) (a) Who determined the salary level; and (b) was it negotiated with the applicant.
- (5) (a) Did the position go to tender; if not why not; and (b) how many people made the short list.
- (6) Who made the decision to appoint Ms Hornsey as Project Director.
- (7) What were the selection criteria that Ms Hornsey met as the successful applicant.
- (8) What references or evaluations were cited as to Ms Hornsey's effectiveness or fairness in the Tasmania Together process.
- (9) What inquiries were made as to whether or not Ms Hornsey discriminated against anyone in the selection process for participants in the Search Conference which lead to the Tasmania Together process; if no inquiries were made, why not.
- (10) Was the Prime Minister's office aware, at the time that Ms Hornsey was appointed to oversee the 2020 Summit, that she had represented Tasmanian Premiers Jim Bacon and Paul Lennon on the Governor-General's Awards Committee for almost a decade, during which time no Tasmanian environmentalist who took a view contrary to those of the Bacon and Lennon governments were recognised under any award; if so, why was Ms Hornsey appointed; if not, why was Ms Hornsey's service to the Tasmanian governments not taken into account in assessing her suitability for the position.
- (11) When did the Prime Minister's office become aware of the scandal in Tasmania involving Ms Hornsey's alleged interference in the appointment of a magistrate in Tasmania.
- (12) Did Ms Hornsey have oversight as to who was excluded from those nominated to attend the 2020 Summit.
- (13) What criteria were used to reject nominated individuals.
- (14) What guarantee do the public have that political opponents, or those with a different view from the Rudd Government, were not discriminated against during the selection process for the 2020 Summit participants.

Notice given 13 June 2008

*480 **Senator Allison:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the Marriage Celebrant Program:

- (1) Since its commencement in 1996, to what extent have the reforms that were put in place following the review of celebrancy delivered: (a) raised standards of services provided by marriage celebrants appointed under the program; (b) a broadening and enhancement of the role of celebrants by including the provision of information on pre-marriage and other relationship services; and (c) a more important role for celebrants in developing longer-lasting family relationships and therefore stronger communities.
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) colleges accredited by state and territory governments employ suitably qualified trainers for the purposes of training celebrants.
- (3) Are state and territory government accreditation agencies required to report on the qualifications of their trainers; if not, why not.
- (4) Does the Government require that state and territory governments audit RTOs and TAFE college celebrancy training courses; if not, why not.
- (5) Is the Government aware of any circumstances where non-celebrants are teaching people to be celebrants; if so, how many do not have celebrancy qualifications and is this acceptable under the Marriage Celebrants Program.
- (6) How many persons have been appointed to deliver compulsory ongoing professional development in celebrancy since the commencement of the requirement for same.
- (7) On what basis are appointments made for ongoing professional development trainers.
- (8) (a) What is the level of training required for qualification as ongoing professional development trainers; and (b) what is the cost of such training.
- (9) (a) How many celebrants are 2 years or more overdue with their compulsory ongoing professional development; and (b) what is being done about this.
- (10) Is there a shortage of ongoing professional development trainers; if so, will more be trained and when.
- (11) (a) Why have the ongoing professional development requirements been changed each year for the past 5 years; and (b) how many training organisations have withdrawn from this training because of these changing requirements.
- (12) Is it the case that there is a shortage of celebrancy trainers; if so, what is being done to provide training for more trainers.
- (13) Is the Government satisfied that RTO and TAFE college courses are of a sufficiently high standard; if so, how is this judged by the Minister.
- (14) What is the minimum number of hours of training for a celebrant.
- (15) Is the Government satisfied that training courses cover not just the *Marriage Act 1961*, but also the skills required to perform ceremonies for couples that are a meaningful alternative to Registry Office and mainstream church weddings.

- (16) Do accreditation agencies and assessors apply a 'fit and proper' person criteria to ensure that persons who seek to become celebrants have adequate communication skills, can conduct dignified celebrations, are reasonably well dressed, are professional and are aware of modern technology and communication media; if not, why not.
- (17) Will the minimum standard for celebrants be raised to a full Certificate IV in Celebrancy; if so, when.
- (18) Has the Government yet established an advisory group with practising celebrants to ensure optimal advice and thus optimal policies and programs for celebrants; if not, why not.
- (19) Why is it that the rules and policies applicable to civil celebrants do not also apply to other celebrants such as the clergy.
- (20) How many complaints have been made to the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages concerning celebrants and trainers who breach the pecuniary interest criteria and what is the outcome of such complaints, including those from the Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants.
- (21) Will the planned new training via Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) allow for any questioning or clarification by the Attorney-General's staff.
- (22) How many civil celebrants are there in Australia.
- (23) How many additional civil celebrants will be registered by the end of September 2008.

Notice given 16 June 2008

- *481 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to Tasmania's Understorey Network:
- (1) Why has the organisation been defunded.
 - (2) Does the organisation have three part-time dedicated staff.
 - (3) Is the organisation's membership increasing.
 - (4) Does the organisation produce more than 20 000 seedlings and 5 000 cuttings each year for revegetation.
 - (5) Are more than 80 people helping with the growing of plants.
 - (6) Was an evaluation of the Understorey Network's success in environmental repair done before decisions were made about its funding for the 2008-09 financial year.
- *482 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) Can copies be provided of all the presentation materials for European audiences, in each language, as used by Mr Tony Bartlett of the department's Forest Industries Branch.
 - (2) (a) When did the Minister authorise this material and its presentation; and
(b) why.

- *483 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 411: Can the Minister provide a printed copy of all the mobile news bulletins that were broadcast during the evening of 24 November 2007.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

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Amendment to an order of continuing effect

1 Departmental and agency contracts—Order for production of documents

That paragraph (7) of the order be amended to read as follows:

- (7) The Finance and Public Administration Committee consider the ongoing operation of the order and report on relevant developments from time to time.

(Agreed to 1 March 2007 upon adoption of recommendation 13 in the Finance and Public Administration Committee's second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06).)

Committees

2 Amendment of committee names; Allocation of departments

- (1) That standing order 25(1) be amended as follows:
 Omit: 'Employment, Workplace Relations and Education'
 Substitute: 'Education, Employment and Workplace Relations'
 Omit: 'Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts'
 Substitute: 'Environment, Communications and the Arts'.
- (2) That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:
- Community Affairs*
 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
 Health and Ageing
- Economics*
 Treasury
 Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
 Resources, Energy and Tourism

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Environment, Communications and the Arts

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament

Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change)

Finance and Deregulation

Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Attorney-General

Immigration and Citizenship

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

*(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)***3 Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Tuesday, 17 June 2008, from 3.30 pm to 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007*.

*(Agreed to 14 May 2008.)***4 Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Migration be authorised to hold private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sittings of the Senate.

*(Agreed to 18 March 2008.)***5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation**

That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O'Chee is set down for trial.

*(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)***6 Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings**

That the following order operate as an order of continuing effect:

- (1) The Senate confirms that any disclosure of evidence or documents submitted to a committee, of documents prepared by a committee, or of deliberations of a committee, without the approval of the committee or of the Senate, may be treated by the Senate as a contempt.
- (2) The Senate reaffirms its resolution of 20 June 1996, relating to procedures to be followed by committees in cases of unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings.

- (3) The Senate provides the following guidelines to be observed by committees in applying that resolution, and declares that the Senate will observe the guidelines in determining whether to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:
1. Unless there are particular circumstances involving actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate, the following kinds of unauthorised disclosure should not be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of a committee report in the time between the substantial conclusion of the committee's deliberations on the report and its presentation to the Senate;
 - (b) disclosure of other documents prepared by a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event, or where they contain only research or publicly-available material, or where their disclosure is otherwise inconsequential;
 - (c) disclosure of documents and evidence submitted to a committee and not published by the committee, where the committee would have published them, or could appropriately have published them, in any event;
 - (d) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where the freedom of the committee to deliberate is unlikely to be significantly affected.
 2. The following kinds of unauthorised disclosure are those for which the contempt jurisdiction of the Senate should primarily be reserved, and which should therefore be raised as matters of privilege:
 - (a) disclosure of documents or evidence submitted to a committee where the committee has deliberately decided to treat the documents or evidence as in camera material, for the protection of witnesses or others, or because disclosure would otherwise be harmful to the public interest;
 - (b) disclosure of documents prepared by a committee where that involves disclosure of material of the kind specified in paragraph (a);
 - (c) disclosure of private deliberations of a committee where that involves disclosure of that kind of material, or significantly impedes the committee's freedom to deliberate.
 3. An unauthorised disclosure not falling into the categories in guidelines 1 and 2 should not be raised as a matter of privilege unless it involves actual or potential substantial interference with the work of a committee or of the Senate.
 4. When considering any unauthorised disclosure of material in the possession of a committee, the committee should consider whether there was any substantive reason for not publishing that material.
- (4) Before deciding to raise a matter of privilege involving possible unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings, any committee may seek the guidance of the Committee of Privileges as to whether a matter should be pursued. If the committee decides that such a matter should be raised, it must consult with the Committee of Privileges before taking the matter further.

- (5) When applying this resolution a committee shall have regard to the matters set out in paragraphs 3.43 to 3.59 of the 122nd Report of the Committee of Privileges, June 2005.

(Sessional order agreed to on 6 October 2005 adopted as an order of continuing effect on 17 September 2007.)

7 Substitute members of committees—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a member of a committee appointed under standing order 25 is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, that member may in writing to the chair of the committee appoint a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee at that meeting. If the member is incapacitated or unavailable, a letter to the chair of a committee appointing a participating member to act as a substitute member of the committee may be signed on behalf of the member by the leader of the party or group on whose nomination the member was appointed to the committee.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Meeting of the Senate’ below.)

Estimates

8 2007-08 Additional estimates—2008-09 Budget estimates—Hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by standing committees for 2008 be scheduled as follows:

2007-08 additional estimates:

Monday, 18 February and Tuesday, 19 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group A*)
 Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February and, if required, Friday, 22 February (*Group B*).

2008-09 Budget estimates:

Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May and, if required, Friday, 30 May (*Group A*)
 Monday, 2 June to Thursday, 5 June and, if required, Friday, 6 June (*Group B*)
 Monday, 20 October and Tuesday, 21 October, and if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
 Wednesday, 22 October and Wednesday, 23 October and, if required, 24 October (*supplementary hearings—Group B*).

- (2) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.
- (3) That committees meet in the following groups:

Group A:

Environment, Communications and the Arts
 Finance and Public Administration
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Group B:

Community Affairs
 Economics
 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

- (4) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:
- (a) Tuesday, 18 March 2008 in respect of the 2007-08 additional estimates; and
 - (b) Tuesday, 24 June 2008 in respect of the 2008-09 Budget estimates.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

9 2007-08 Additional estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2007-08 additional estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 10 April 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 4 April 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Wednesday, 2 April 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Wednesday, 9 April 2008

Group B:

Community Affairs	Friday, 11 April 2008
Economics	Friday, 11 April 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 11 April 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 10 April 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

10 2008-09 Budget estimates—Answers to questions

The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2008-09 Budget estimates are as follows:

Group A:

Environment, Communications, and the Arts	Thursday, 31 July 2008
Finance and Public Administration	Friday, 11 July 2008
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Thursday, 10 July 2008
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	Friday, 18 July 2008

Group B:

Community Affairs	Friday, 1 August 2008
Economics	Friday, 1 August 2008
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Friday, 1 August 2008
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Thursday, 31 July 2008

Standing order 74(5) takes effect 30 days after these dates.

Meeting of Senate**11 Meeting of Senate**

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2008 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:

Tuesday, 12 February to Thursday, 14 February

Autumn sittings (2):

Tuesday, 11 March to Thursday, 13 March

Monday, 17 March to Thursday, 20 March

Budget sittings:

Tuesday, 13 May to Thursday, 15 May

Winter sittings:

Monday, 16 June to Thursday, 19 June

Monday, 23 June to Thursday, 26 June

Spring sittings:

Tuesday, 26 August to Thursday, 28 August

Monday, 1 September to Thursday, 4 September

Monday, 15 September to Thursday, 18 September

Monday, 22 September to Thursday, 25 September

Monday, 13 October to Thursday, 16 October

Spring sittings (2):

Monday, 10 November to Thursday, 13 November

Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November

Monday, 1 December to Thursday, 4 December.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008.)

12 Adjournment debate on Tuesday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

On the question for the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, a senator who has spoken once subject to the time limit of 10 minutes may speak again for not more than 10 minutes if no other senator who has not already spoken once wishes to speak, provided that a senator may by leave speak for not more than 20 minutes on one occasion.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Committees’ above.)

13 Divisions on Thursday—Temporary order

That the following operate as a temporary order until the conclusion of the 2008 sittings:

If a division is called for on Thursday after 4.30 pm, the matter before the Senate shall be adjourned until the next day of sitting at a time fixed by the Senate.

(Agreed to 13 February 2008 as part of a longer order—see also ‘Committees’ above.)

Orders for production of documents**14 Family and Community Services—Housing Assistance agreements—Order for production of documents**

(1) That the Senate:

- (a) notes that the Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003 in Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) requires states to report on expenditure and progress towards their respective bilateral agreements to the Commonwealth within 6 months after the end of each grant year;

- (b) orders that there be laid on the table, no later than 3.30 pm on 12 May 2005, all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions for the financial year 2003-04; and
- (c) orders that all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under those provisions be tabled in the Senate within 5 sittings days, or one calendar month, after receipt (whichever is the later), and that the Senate be notified in writing by the Minister for Family and Community Services within 5 sitting days of the expiration of the 6 months if reports have not been provided within the required 6 months.

(2) That this order is of continuing effect.

(Motion of Senator Bartlett agreed to 12 May 2005.)

15 Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document

That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 19 June 2008, the red folder brandished by the Minister which he claims contains details of ‘problematic’ defence procurement projects.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 15 May 2008.)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Auditor-General’s reports—Consideration

1 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

Conduct of business

- 2 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

- 3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Government documents

- 4 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

Limitation of time

- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

- 5** To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.
- 6** To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.
- 7** To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

- 8 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans):** To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.

- 9 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

- 10 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

Questions without notice

- 11 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

Statements

- 12 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

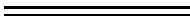
Tabling of documents

- 13 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin)**
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Scullion)

To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

**TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Carol Brown, Chapman, Forshaw, Hutchins, Kirk, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, Marshall, Moore, Murray, Troeth and Watson

**CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES****Standing Committees**

- **Legislative and General Purpose**
 - Community Affairs
 - Economics
 - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
 - Environment, Communications and the Arts
 - Finance and Public Administration
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
- **Legislative Scrutiny**
 - Regulations and Ordinances
 - Scrutiny of Bills
- **Standing (Domestic)**
 - Appropriations and Staffing
 - House
 - Library
 - Privileges
 - Procedure
 - Publications
 - Selection of Bills
 - Senators' Interests

Select Committees

Agricultural and Related Industries
Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
State Government Financial Management

Joint Committees

- **Standing**
 - Electoral Matters
 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
 - Migration
 - National Capital and External Territories
 - Parliamentary Library
 - Treaties
- **Statutory**
 - Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
 - Australian Crime Commission
 - Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings
 - Corporations and Financial Services
 - Intelligence and Security
 - Public Accounts and Audit
 - Public Works

Details appear in the following section, with committees listed in alphabetical order.

COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/index.htm

(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 15 May 2008; reporting date varied 15 May 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008)

Members

Senator Heffernan (*Chair*), Senator O'Brien (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fisher, Milne, Nash and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP_CTTE/index.htm

Members

The President (*Chairman*), the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Faulkner, Lundy, Murray, Nash, Parry and Sherry

Reports presented

45th report—Department of the Senate's budget; Ordinary annual services of the government; Parliamentary computer network (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

46th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Campbell (*Chair*), Senator Fierravanti-Wells (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown and Parry and Mr Clare, Mr Hayes, Ms Parke and Mr Pyne

Current inquiry

Law enforcement integrity models (*adopted 15 May 2008*)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Mr Wood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Parry and Polley and Mr Champion, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes and Mr Pyne

Current inquiries

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report for 2006-07 (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007 (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

Legislative arrangement to outlaw serious and organised crime groups (*adopted 17 March 2008*)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcbpp/index.htm>

Members

The President, the Speaker, and Senators Cormann and O'Brien and Mr Hale, Mr Hawker, Mr Hayes, Mr Lindsay and Mr Price

Community Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing

Members

Senator Moore (*Chair*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Allison, Boyce, Carol Brown, Lundy and Polley

Substitute members

Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages—

Senator Colbeck to replace Senator Adams

Senator Murray to replace Senator Allison

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008] (*referred 14 February 2008; reporting date: 18 June 2008*)

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 26 June 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 12 August 2008*)

Special disability trusts (*referred 15 May 2008; reporting date: 18 September 2008*)

Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages (*referred 15 May 2008; reporting date: 24 June 2008*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

A decent quality of life: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm

Members

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Chapman (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Kirk, Murray and Webber and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Ms Owens, and Mr Robert

Current inquiry

Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*statutory responsibility*)

Economics—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Treasury; Innovation, Industry, Science and Research; Resources, Energy and Tourism

Members

Senator Hurley (*Chair*), Senator Eggleston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Bushby, Joyce, McEwen, Murray and Webber

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carol Brown, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood, Watson and Wortley

Current inquiries

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 September 2008*)

Australia's space science and industry sector (*referred 19 March 2008; interim reporting date: 23 June 2008; final reporting date: no later than October 2008*)

Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

Reports presented

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 and National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007—Interim report (*presented to the President on 11 February 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Australia's mandatory last resort home warranty insurance schemes—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008] and Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 30 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy on 11 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet_cte/index.htm

(formerly *Employment, Workplace Relations and Education*; name amended 13 February 2008)

Portfolio

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), Senator Watson (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Crossin, Fisher, Sterle, Stott Despoja and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Campbell, Carol Brown, Bushby, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood and Webber

Reports presented

Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Mr Melham (*Chair*), Mr Morrison (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Hutchins and Ronaldson and Mr Danby, Mr Scott and Mr Sullivan

Current inquiries

2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: not before June 2009*)

Provisions of Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008 (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: June 2009*)

Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/ecita_ctte/index.htm

(formerly *Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; name amended 13 February 2008*)

Portfolios

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Members

Senator McEwen (*Chair*), Senator Bartlett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Kemp, Lundy, Parry, Webber and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bernardi, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Trood and Watson

Current inquiries

Sexualisation of children in the media (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 23 June 2008*)

Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (*referred 20 March 2008; interim report presented 6 June 2008, final reporting date: 19 June 2008*)

Waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date: August 2008*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (*presented to the President on 9 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Climate Change); Finance and Deregulation; Human Services

Members

Senator Polley (*Chair*), Senator Fifield (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Collins, Fierravanti-Wells, Moore, Murray and Watson

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiry

Lobbying code of conduct (*referred 14 May 2008; reporting date: first sitting Thursday of August 2008*)

Reports presented

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Bishop, Cormann, Fifield, Kirk, Sandy Macdonald, Moore, Payne, Stott Despoja, Trood and Webber and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Mirabella, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, Mr Robb, Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott, Mr KJ Thomson and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiry

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families (*referred 21 May 2008*)

Report presented

* Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT_CTTE/index.htm

Portfolios

Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Members

Senator Bishop (*Chair*), Senator Trood (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Cormann, Forshaw, Hogg, Sandy Macdonald and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (*referred 8 November 2006; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 26 June 2008*)

Review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 22 June 2006; readopted 14 February 2008*)

Reports presented

The changing nature of Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report (*presented to the President on 19 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

House—Standing Committee*Members*

The President (*Chair*), the Deputy President, and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley

Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 14 February 2008; final report tabled 16 June 2008*)

Members

Senator Payne (*Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Colbeck, Fifield, Lundy and Moore

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin,

Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Report presented

* A good house is hard to find: Housing affordability in Australia (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcis/index.htm>

Members

Mr Bevis (*Chair*), Mr Ruddock (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Forshaw, McGauran, Marshall and Nash and Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus and Mr Melham

Current inquiries

Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 6 – Australian intelligence agencies (*statutory responsibility*)

Report presented

Review of the re-listing of three terrorist organisations (*presented to the Deputy President on 27 September 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members

Senator Crossin (*Chair*), Senator Barnett (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Fisher, Hurley, Kirk, Marshall and Trood

Substitute member

Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008—Senator Hogg to replace Senator Hurley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Stott Despoja, Troeth, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiry

Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 23 June 2008*)

Reports presented

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Child Sex Tourism Offences and Related Measures) Bill 2007 [Provisions] (*presented to the Deputy President on 10 October 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 1 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Murray, on 6 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

- * Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), and Senators Allison, Barnett, Hutchins, Kirk, Trood and Webber

Migration—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Mr Danby (*Chair*), Mrs DS Vale (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McEwen and Polley and Ms D' Ath, Mr Georgiou, Mr Randall and Mr Zappia

Current inquiry

Immigration detention (*adopted 29 May 2008; replaces the inquiry into the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre adopted on 13 March 2008*)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Senator Lundy (*Chair*), Mr Secker (*Deputy Chair*), and the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and Senators Crossin, Humphries and Joyce and Mr Adams, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Neville and Mr Turnour

Current inquiry

Role of the National Capital Authority (*referred 19 February 2008*)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsctl/index.htm>

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Senators Allison, Barnett, Hutchins, Kirk, Trood and Webber and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Butler, Mr Hawker, Ms Jackson, Mrs Mirabella and Mr Perrett

Privileges—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Brandis (*Chair*), Senator Hurley (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Collins, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

Report presented

133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Procedure—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc_ctte/index.htm

Members

The Deputy President (*Chair*), the President, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, and Senators Bartlett, Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig and Parry

Publications—Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/publ/index.htm>

Members

Senator Carol Brown (*Chair*) and Senators Bernardi, Marshall, Mason, Parry, Sterle and Wortley

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm>

Members

Ms Grierson (*Chair*), Mr Georgiou (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bishop, Chapman, Hogg, Lundy, Murray and Watson and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Bradbury, Mr Butler, Ms King, Mr Morrison, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert

Current inquiries

Certain taxation matters (*adopted 7 December 2005; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and the Defence Materiel Organisation (*adopted 1 March 2006; readopted 12 March 2008*)

Review of Auditor-General's reports (*statutory responsibility*)

Effects of the ongoing efficiency dividend on smaller public sector agencies (*adopted 4 June 2008*)

Committee document presented

Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2008-09 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm>

Members

Mr Butler (*Chairman*), Senator Troeth (*Vice-Chairman*), and Senators Bishop and Forshaw and Mr Champion, Mr Forrest, Mr Hale, Mr Lindsay and Mr Slipper

Reports presented

Seventy-first annual report (First report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

HMAS *Creswell* redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory (Second report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegeetta, Victoria (Third report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan (Fourth report of 2008) (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 19 March 2008; reporting dates: 30 September 2008, 30 March 2009, 30 September 2009, 30 March 2010 and 30 September 2010*)

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Crossin (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Moore, Scullion and Siewert

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Wortley (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Bartlett, Carol Brown, Cormann and Moore

Documents presented

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February 2007 to March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2007, dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm

Portfolios

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Members

Senator Sterle (*Chair*), Senator Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Heffernan, Hutchins, Hurley, McGauran, Nash and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Allison, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Campbell, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hogg, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Ian Macdonald, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nettle, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Current inquiries

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (*referred 19 September 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

Meat marketing (*referred 19 March 2008; reporting date: 4 September 2008*)

Reports presented

Matters not disposed of at the end of the 41st Parliament (*tabled 14 February 2008*)

Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 24 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Exposure drafts of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and the Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008*)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/scrutiny/index.htm>

Members

Senator Ellison (*Chairman*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Collins, McEwen, Murray and Troeth

Alert Digests presented

No. 1 of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)

No. 2 of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

No. 3 of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

No. 4 of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Reports presented

First report of 2008 (*tabled 12 March 2008*)

Second report of 2008 (*tabled 19 March 2008*)

Third report of 2008 (*tabled 14 May 2008*)

Fourth report of 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 5 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills_ctte/index.htm

Members

The Government Whip (*Chair*), the Opposition Whip, the Australian Democrats Whip, the Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip, and Senators Adams, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

Reports presented

Report no. 1 of 2008 (*presented 14 February 2008*)

Report no. 2 of 2008 (*presented 12 March 2008*)

Report no. 3 of 2008 (*presented 19 March 2008*)

Report no. 4 of 2008 (*presented 14 May 2008*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Webber (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Allison, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk and Lightfoot

Notifications of alterations of interests

Register of senators' interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 19 June 2007 and 7 December 2007 (*presented to the Deputy President on 11 December 2007, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 February 2008*)

Report presented

Report 1/2008: Annual report 2007 (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

Document presented

Registration of Senators' Interests: A handbook for senators, also incorporating related information on registering gifts to the Senate and the Parliament, 2008 edition (*tabled 17 March 2008*)

State Government Financial Management—Select Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm_ctte/index.htm

(*appointed 14 February 2008; reporting date varied 12 March and 20 March 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*)

Members

Senator Ian Macdonald (*Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Chapman, Forshaw and Polley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Campbell, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kemp, Kirk, Lightfoot, Lundy, Sandy Macdonald, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Marshall, Mason, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Nash, Nettle, O'Brien, Parry, Patterson, Payne, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Watson, Webber and Wortley

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/index.htm>

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), Senator Sandy Macdonald (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bartlett, Birmingham, Bushby, Marshall, Sterle and Wortley and Mr Andrews, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Ms Neal, Ms Parke, Mr Simpkins, Mr Trevor and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiry

All treaties tabled in the Senate

Report presented

Report 90—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2008 (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives

Senator Lundy (*appointed 12 March 2008, for a period of 3 years*).

Council of the National Library of Australia

Senator Trood (*appointed 13 June 2007, for a period of 3 years*).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust

Senators O'Brien and Watson (*appointed 12 March 2008 and 10 February 1994, respectively*).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate

MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION

Ministers	Representing
Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>) <i>Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> <i>Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Prime Minister Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing Minister for Sport
Senator the Honourable John Faulkner <i>Special Minister of State</i> <i>Cabinet Secretary</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Minister for Trade Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Defence Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy <i>Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy</i> <i>Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate</i>	Treasurer Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Assistant Treasurer
Senator the Honourable Kim Carr <i>Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	Minister for Education Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>) <i>Minister for Climate Change and Water</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Minister for the Status of Women Minister for Employment Participation Minister for Youth
Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>) <i>Minister for Human Services</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Health and Ageing Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs Minister for Ageing
Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>) <i>Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law</i>	Minister for Finance and Deregulation Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Tourism Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
Parliamentary Secretaries	
Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion</i>	
Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas <i>Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing</i>	

In those instances where Senators prefer to be known by other than their first name, the preferred name is underlined.

GUIDE TO THE NOTICE PAPER

The *Notice Paper* is issued each sitting day and contains details of current business before the Senate. Its structure is based on four main types of business, as follows:

Matters of privilege take precedence over all other business and are listed at the beginning of the *Notice Paper* when they arise. They consist of notices of motion which the President has determined warrant such precedence and any orders relating to adjourned debates on such motions.

Business of the Senate has precedence over government and general business for the day on which it is listed. It includes disallowance motions, orders of the day for the presentation of committee reports, motions to refer matters to standing committees, motions for leave of absence for a senator and motions concerning the qualification of a senator.

Government business is business initiated by a minister including the consideration of government legislation. It takes precedence over general business except for a period of 2½ hours each week set aside on Thursdays for general business.

General business is all other business initiated by senators who are not ministers. It takes precedence over government business only as described above.

Within each of these categories, business consists of notices of motion and orders of the day:

Notices of motion are statements that senators intend to move particular motions on the days indicated. They are entered on the *Notice Paper* in the order given and may be given jointly by two or more senators. Notices of motion are usually considered before orders of the day.

Orders of the day are items of business which the Senate has ordered to be considered on particular days, usually arising from adjourned debates on matters (including legislation) or requirements to present committee reports.

On days other than Thursdays, the *Notice Paper* records all business of the Senate and government business items, but includes only new items of general business from the previous sitting day. On Thursdays, business relating to the consideration of government documents, committee reports and government responses to committee reports is also published.

Other sections in the *Notice Paper* are as follows:

Orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses—adjourned debates on motions to consider or adopt committee reports and government responses. These orders may be considered for one hour on Thursdays at the conclusion of general business. New items appear on the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Orders of the day relating to government documents—adjourned debates on motions to take note of government documents. Such orders arise from consideration of the government documents presented on a particular day and include consideration of any documents not reached on the day. They are also listed for consideration for up to one hour on Thursdays during the consideration of general business. New items appear in the following day's *Notice Paper*. The section is printed in full on Thursdays.

Business for future consideration lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered on a specific day in the future; for example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date, or a notice of motion given for a day other than the next day of sitting.

Bills referred to committees lists all bills or provisions of bills currently being considered by committees.

Questions on notice includes the text of new questions on notice and lists the numbers of unanswered questions.

Orders of the Senate includes orders of short-term duration such as orders for production of documents and those relating to days of sitting for a period of sittings.

Contingent notices of motion are statements of intention by senators that, contingent on a specified occurrence, they may move a motion, usually to suspend standing orders. They are grouped by subject.

Temporary chairs of committees is a daily list of all senators appointed to take the chair in the absence of the President or Deputy President.

Categories of committees is a daily list, categorised by type, of Senate and joint committees. Details of each committee appear in the committee section.

Committees lists all of Senate and joint committees, including membership, current inquiries and reports presented on or since the previous sitting day.

Senate appointments to statutory authorities lists the statutory authorities on which the Senate is represented and details of representation.

Ministerial representation lists Senate ministers and the portfolios they represent.

The ‘full’ Notice Paper

On the first day of the autumn and spring sittings a full *Notice Paper* is printed listing all outstanding business before the Senate, including the full text of all unresolved notices of motion and unanswered questions on notice. This edition is a complete reference to unresolved business from earlier in the session and is useful to keep. All business before the Senate is published daily in the full online version of the *Notice Paper*, available on ParlInfo and at: www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm

Inquiries concerning the *Notice Paper* or business listed in it may be directed to the Senate Table Office on (02) 6277 3018.