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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Notices 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.

Notice given 26 June 2008

- *2 **Senator O'Brien:** To move—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 30 March 2009:
- (a) whether the decision of the Australian Football League (AFL) Board of Commission to prioritise admission to its competition of teams from Western Sydney and the Gold Coast over a proposed team from Tasmania is fair and equitable;
 - (b) the capacity of the State of Tasmania to sustain a team in the peak national Australian Rules Football competition;
 - (c) the regional implications of the establishment of an AFL team in Tasmania for economic development;
 - (d) whether the AFL commissioners' obligations to current supporters of the game override their desire to promote larger television audiences for it; and
 - (e) other related matters.

Orders of the Day

- *1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests.
- 2 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**
Report to be presented on the Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the Day

- 1 **Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2008).
- 2 **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*).
- *3 **Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 June 2008).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **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*).
- 6 **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*).

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 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Crossin)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

***2 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

***3 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—A matter relating to the PET review of 2000**

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Polley, in continuation, 26 June 2008*).

4 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Colbeck, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).

5 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice

Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator McEwen)—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).

6 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Advisory report—Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Carol Brown, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).

7 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 (*16 June 2008*).

8 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*).

9 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 (15 May 2008).

10 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).
- 15 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 41 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of personnel security: Follow-up audit**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 16 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Management of customer debt: Follow-up audit—Centrelink; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**
Consideration (23 June 2008).
- 17 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 43 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Third tranche sale of Telstra shares—Department of Finance and Deregulation**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 18 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 44 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Interim phase of the audit of financial statements of general government sector agencies for the year ending 30 June 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- *19 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2007-08—Performance audit—Specific purpose payments: General recurrent grants for government schools—Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
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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 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 19 June 2008

123 Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding): To move—That—

- (a) the reporting date for the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be amended by omitting 'report on 30 June 2009' and substituting 'report by 10 November 2008'; and
- (b) further consideration of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 be an order of the day for 10 November 2008.

Notice of motion altered on 23 June 2008 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 26 June 2008

***144 Chair of the Community Affairs Committee (Senator Moore):** To move—That the Senate endorse the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.10 of the Community Affairs Committee report on the 2008-09 Budget estimates that: Future estimates hearing programs include a separate time to conduct an estimates hearing on Indigenous matters that would include all the portfolios with budget expenditure or responsibility for Indigenous issues.

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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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 (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).
- 24 ***Snowy Hydro Limited—Report for the period 2 July 2006 to 30 June 2007***
Consideration (17 June 2008).

- 25 **Airservices Australia—Equity and diversity program—Progress report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 26 **Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 27 **Australian Military Court—Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 28 **Australian Communications and Media Authority—National Relay Service provider performance—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 29 **NetAlert Limited—Report for 2006-07—Statement relating to exemption from reporting requirements**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 30 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 3 June 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 31 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 413/08 to 436/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 32 **Regional Forest Agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmania—Report—Inquiry on the progress with implementation of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement (1997)—Second five yearly review, dated February 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 33 **Productivity Commission—Report no. 44—Safeguards inquiry into the import of pigmeat, dated 31 March 2008—Government response**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 34 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 48: The coercive information-gathering powers of government agencies, dated May 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 35 **Australian Maritime College—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 36 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities New York, 13 December 2006**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 37 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instrument—Employment Relationship Recommendation, 2006 (No. 198)**
Consideration (17 June 2008).

- 38 **International Labour Organisation—Submission report on ILO instruments—Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) and Promotion Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Recommendation, 2006 (No. 197)**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 39 **Director of Military Prosecutions—Report for the period 12 June 2006 to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 40 **Judge Advocate General—Report for 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 41 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 42 **Australian Research Council—Report for 2006-07—Addendum**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 43 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of Australia on Defence Cooperation, done at Abu Dhabi on 23 April 2007**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 44 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 45 **Multilateral treaty—Explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 46 **Australian National University—Report for 2007**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 47 **Advisory Panel on the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula—Reports for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 48 **Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunication reports for 2006-07—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards—Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia**
Consideration (18 June 2008).
- 49 **Attorney-General's Department—Report—Review of sections 47J and 110AA of the Copyright Act 1968—Copyright exceptions for private copying of photographs and film, 2008**
Consideration (18 June 2008).

- 50 **Multilateral treaty—Attachment to explanatory statement 2 of 2008—Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005**
Consideration (17 June 2008).
- 51 ***Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act 2003—Quarterly report on the operation of the Government co-contribution scheme for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008***
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 52 **AusLink—Report for 2006-07**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 53 ***Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008***
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 54 **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia's health 2008—Eleventh biennial report**
Consideration (24 June 2008).
- 55 **National Health and Medical Research Council—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report on the operation of the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* for the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 56 **Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 57 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis and annexures—Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, 11 December 1997, [2008] ATS 2)**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- 58 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with the national interest analysis—Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (Hobart, 23 June 2008)**
Consideration (25 June 2008).
- *59 **Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- *60 **Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).

- *61 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007, dated June 2008**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- *62 **Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (26 June 2008).
- *63 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007**
Consideration (26 June 2008).

Orders 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).
- 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).
- 4 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (13 February 2008).
- 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).
- 8 **Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (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 (14 February 2008).
- 10 **Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Nettle)**
Second reading—Adjourned debate (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 (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 (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 (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*).
- 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*).
- 56 **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Bernardi*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bernardi, in continuation, 17 June 2008*).
- 58 **Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006 [2008]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Stott Despoja and Nettle*)
Second reading (*restored 19 June 2008*).
- 59 **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Control of Power Station Emissions) Bill 2008**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Allison*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*19 June 2008*).
- 60 **Indigenous Australians—The Northern Territory emergency response: One year on—Ministerial statement**
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bartlett—That the Senate take note of the statement (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 61 **Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senators Troeth and Humphries*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Troeth, in continuation, 23 June 2008*).
- 62 **Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Senator Johnston*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Johnston, in continuation, 24 June 2008*).
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BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (27 August 2008)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 State Government Financial Management—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***3 Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***4 Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

***5 Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

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*).

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 28 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 2 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

- 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*).

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*).

Nine sitting days after today (17 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2008

- 1 **Senator Barnett:** To move—That item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 355 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, be disallowed. [F2007L04101]

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

- 2 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 222/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L02044]

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 26 August 2008
(Notice given 26 June 2008)

- 3 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 364/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L03843]

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 26 August 2008
(Notice given 26 June 2008)

- 4 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 445/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L04329]

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 26 August 2008
(Notice given 26 June 2008)

- 5 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument No. CASA 450/07, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2007L04334]

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

Notice of intention to withdraw at the giving of notices on 26 August 2008
(Notice given 26 June 2008)

- 6 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2007 No. 356 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed. [F2007L04099]

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

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.

Eleven sitting days after today (22 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 23 June 2008

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Torres Strait Regional Authority Section 142S Declaration 2008, made under subsection 142S(1) of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*, be disallowed. [F2008L00357]

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

Twelve sitting days after today (23 September 2008)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 24 June 2008

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That the Film Certification Advisory Board Rules 2008, made under subsection 376-260(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, be disallowed. [F2008L00350]

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

On 25 September 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs—Standing Committee

Final report to be presented on mental health services in Australia.

**On 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills,
whichever is the sooner**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* and related matters.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 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*).

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 14 October 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

General Business—Order of the Day

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*).

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.

3 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia.

4 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008, the Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008, the Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 and the Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

On 10 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

2 **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—Orders of the Day

57 **Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fielding, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).

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 11 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on academic freedom in school and higher education.

On 27 November 2008

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on the effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities.

***2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on natural resource management and conservation challenges.

By the last sitting day of November 2008

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics—Standing Committee

Report to be presented on disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations.

On 20 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

***1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change.

On 30 March 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee

Second report to be presented.

2 National Broadband Network—Select Committee

Report to be presented.

On 30 May 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

On 30 June 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008.

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 **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).

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 21 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

On 27 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on food production in Australia.

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.

Date unspecified

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 and related matters.

2 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008.

3 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 and related matters.

4 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the 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 and related matters.

5 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and related matters.

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

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

7 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008, the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 and related matters.

8 **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.

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 **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*).

- 2 **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*).
- 3 **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*).
- 4 **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*).
- 5 **Evidence Amendment Bill 2008—**(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 19 June 2008*).
- 6 **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*).

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*).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

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*).

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 June 2009*).

Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date varied 17 June 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*).

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*).

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008**National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡**Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡****Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡****Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*).

Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*).

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Community Affairs Committee (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date varied 18 March and 26 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*).

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*).

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008

Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner*).

Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 25 June 2008; interim report presented 15 August 2008*).

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*).

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**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008*).

Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*).

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*).

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008‡

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 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 DISCHARGED OR 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.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Third reading negatived, 26 June 2008.

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 17 June 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 564 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)). Questions marked (†) were placed on notice after the last sitting day but have been answered.

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

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 Milne:** 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

136 Minister for Human Services

141 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

142 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

149 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

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

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 Siewert:** 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.

Notice given 12 March 2008

369 **Senator Milne:** 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 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

445 Minister representing the Treasurer

449 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

453 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

460 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

464 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

465 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

471 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 3 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.

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 17 June 2008

- 486 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the \$35 million Toyota grant which was announced on 10 June 2008: In detail, what communications did the Prime Minister, his staff, or members of his department have with Toyota between the time of the announcement of the grant in Japan on 10 June 2008 and the time Toyota issued their press statement on 11 June 2008.
- 488 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Noting the Government's commitment to a National Weeds and Productivity Research Program and a National Cane Toad Plan and innovation fund: Can details be provided of all other programs which are directed towards pest and or weed management, including their time frames and funding.
- 498 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—
- (1) At 24 November 2007, how many applications had been received in each category of Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement (TCFA) grants, approved or in progress.
 - (2) (a) Who were the members of the advisory committee; (b) who represented the: (i) Tasmanian Government, and (ii) the Federal Government; (c) who was the independent member of the committee; and (d) who was the chair: (i) from inception until 24 November 2007, and (ii) since 24 November 2007.
 - (3) Did the membership of the advisory committee change between 2005 and 24 November 2007; if so, what are the details of the membership changes.
 - (4) Did the membership change after the 2007 Federal election; if so, who has been on the advisory committee since 24 November 2007.
 - (5) Were the three independent positions on the committee advertised; if not, how were the members chosen.
 - (6) Who selected the three independent members.
 - (7) Who was appointed as the Independent Assessor.
 - (8) What selection process was undertaken to choose the Independent Assessor.
 - (9) Who chose and appointed the Independent Assessor.
 - (10) (a) What criteria was used in choosing the Independent Assessor; (b) why was the department's 'Chief Executive Instruction on Procurement', including the department's 'Risk Assessment in Procurement Processes', not implemented; (c) who decided not to implement it; and (d) was the Minister informed of the decision not to implement it; if not, why not; if so, which Minister was informed and by whom.
 - (11) What payments were made to the Independent Assessor: (a) until 24 November 2007; and (b) after 24 November 2007.
 - (12) (a) What oversight did the Tasmanian Government or the Australian Government have over the recruitment or appointment of the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor; and (b) why did the department not formalise a consultancy agreement with the Independent Assessor and the sub-contractor.

- (13) Why did the Cabinet Implementation Unit (CIU) of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet decide to no longer include the three TCFA programs in the CIU quarterly reports past September 2005.
- (14) Why were the potential conflicts of members of the advisory committee, the Independent Assessor and sub-contractor not identified as a risk by the department as part of the program implementing planning process.
- (15) (a) Why did the department not require the advisory committee to adhere to the 'Better Practice Guide for Advisory Committees' by requesting members, prior to their joining the advisory committee, to sign a declaration of interests advising the committee of conflicts of interest; (b) who made the decision not to implement the guidelines; and (c) were either of the Ministers informed of this decision.
- (16) Why did the department, as the secretariat, not record the minutes of two of the three teleconferences held by the advisory committee.
- (17) Did the Independent Assessor have business interests, or direct or indirect involvement in the Tasmanian forest industry; and (b) was this identified as a risk to the grants scheme; if not, why not.
- (18) Between 2005 and 24 November 2007 who were the members of the secretariat of the department: (a) responsible for chairing meetings of the advisory committee; (b) preparing and administering funding agreements; (c) the payment of grants; and (d) other administrative functions related to the programs.
- (19) Why did the department not report against all the outcome indicators in its 2006-07 report.
- (20) Why did the department not identify: (a) the number of jobs maintained; (b) the amount of new investment for the programs; and/or (c) assistance given within the agreed terms of reference.
- (21) (a) How many companies were assessed; (b) how many jobs were likely to be created; (c) how many jobs were maintained; (d) what was the amount of new investment for the program; and (e) was assistance given with agreed time frames.
- (22) (a) Which three applications for grants were refused but, following re-assessment by the Independent Assessor hearing of the applicant's appeals, were then approved for funding; and (b) what funding was granted.
- (23) Was either the Tasmanian Minister or the Federal Minister informed that the advisory committee had decided to not adhere to the eligibility criteria; and/or to not adopt a method or scale of rating applications; if so, when was the Minister informed; if not, who decided to not inform the Ministers.
- (24) (a) Why was the 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management', requiring that a systematic assessment process be established in advance, ignored by the department; and (b) who signed off on this bypass of proper process.
- (25) Until 24 November 2007, exactly what did the preliminary assessment conducted by the department secretariat assess; and (b) did the department's preliminary assessment commit funding in any cases; if so, which cases.
- (26) Will the Government produce implementation updates on the TCFA; if so, when.

- (27) Why did the performance reviews for September 2006, December 2006 and January 2007 provided to the department's executive by its Fisheries and Forestry Division not report progress against the outcome performance indicators in the project plan at Portfolio Budget Statements.
- (28) Will the department report on the number of jobs maintained, given that all proposals require applicants to provide employment details at the time of the application, and expected employment when the project is completed.
- (29) (a) Does the department validate the employment details provided by successful grant applicants; if not, why not; and (b) will the department institute this procedure via the recipients' payroll data.
- (30) (a) Why did the department agree to vary the guidelines for the TCFA grants from other forest-related industry proposal guidelines; (b) in particular, what is the reason detailed financial information on other sources of government funding was excluded; and (c) who requested the variation and what was the rationale provided.
- (31) Who has taken responsibility for advising the Minister or the Government when the department did not adhere to its 'Chief Executive Instruction on Grant Management' in relation to good eligibility criteria and method and scale of rating applications.
- (32) (a) Which nine grant applications had no departmental preliminary assessment; (b) were any or all of these grant applications assessed by the Independent Assessor or sub-contractor; if so, which ones; (c) were any or all of these grant applications not assessed by any other body except the advisory committee; and (d) were any or all of these the subject of a declared conflict of interest at any level; if so, what.
- (33) Did the chair of the advisory committee document what she or he believed the 'intent' of the programs was since the criteria had been ignored; if not, why not.
- (34) Which grant application for \$49 950 had only a Department of Economic Development (DED) assessment.
- (35) (a) Which six grant applications under \$50 000 had no documented assessment covering financial viability on technical or operational viability; (b) were they approved; (c) what advice did the department provide to the Ministers as to whether or not they should be approved and on what basis; and (d) who takes responsibility for this advice.
- (36) (a) Why did the advisory committee decide not to continue with a probity advisor after only one meeting with a probity advisor present; (b) did the department inform either the Tasmanian Government or Federal Government that the advisory committee had dispensed with the services of a probity advisor; if not, why not.
- (37) (a) How many, and which, DED staff provide extensive support to applicants through the secretariat of the advisory committee; and (b) who invited, or agreed to, the DED having such a role when this role was not identified or formalised in the memorandum of understanding on exchange of letters between the state and Commonwealth governments.
- (38) Was any assessment conducted of any conflicts of interest of these DED officers, since they undertook assessment of some applications.

- (39) Which individuals or companies were recipients of: (a) Tasmanian Country Sawmills Association Programme (TCSAP) 2, worth \$102 585; and (b) Tasmanian Softwood Development Programme (TSIDP) 23(a), worth \$68 312.
- (40) Following the December 2005 advisory committee meeting, the DED was asked to assist with 16 business cases for the TCSAP, 15 business cases for the Tasmanian Forest Industry Development Programme (TFIDF) and 6 visits: (a) which grant applications was this assistance requested for; and (b) who conducted the site visits for the DED.
- (41) What criteria did the advisory committee use to decide which applications would be reviewed by the Independent Assessor.
- (42) What advice did the department or the Federal Government representative on the advisory committee provide to the committee about the need for criteria on thresholds to determine which applications would be subjected to review by the Independent Assessor.
- (43) Did the department or any section of the Tasmanian or Federal governments inform either Minister that that the advisory committee had no criteria for referring applications to the Independent Assessor; if so: (i) who, and (ii) when; if not, why not.
- (44) (a) Which 10 applications over \$50 000 were approved without an independent assessment; (b) who were the applicants receiving \$68 312 and \$102 585 who were only assessed by the DED; and (c) which eight applications were sent to the assessors with the scope of assessment restricted by the advisory committee.
- (45) (a) Were the decisions of the advisory committee made by consensus or majority; and (b) were votes recorded; if so, can these records be provided.

500 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the Land-based Sector Consultative group (www.greenhouse.gov.au/emissionstrading/consultation.html):

- (1) Who are the members of the group, including their names, and what is their organisation affiliation and expertise.
- (2) Do the members of the group represent organisations or are they appointed because of their expertise.
- (3) What are the group's terms of reference and role.
- (4) Can a copy of the minutes of the group's meeting on 19 May 2008 and documents tabled at that meeting, other than those on the web page, be provided.
- (5) Why is 'forestry' defined as a sector rather than 'land use, land-use change and forestry'.
- (6) What is the precise definition of the 'forestry' sector for the purposes of emissions trading and other proposed mitigation measures.
- (7) What consultation has been organised or is proposed for land uses other than agriculture and forestry with particular reference to those relating to the protection, management and restoration of native vegetation for conservation, cultural and amenity purposes (all of which are 'anthropogenic' under the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change rules).

Notice given 23 June 2008

506 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) What is the Government's strategy to deal with population growth: (a) in Australia; and (b) worldwide.
- (2) Is there no limit to the carrying capacity of (a) Australia; and (b) the Earth; and if there is, in each case, what is it.
- (3) (a) What resources has the Government committed to meeting the pressures of increased population in Australia; and (b) what is the expected outcome.

Notice given 26 June 2008

*510 **Senator Birmingham:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship—In regard to Senator Birmingham's letter to the Minister of 7 December 2007, to which a response had not been received as at 26 June 2008:

- (1) Will the Minister consider the introduction of such transitional measures that would enable people who have committed significant funds and periods of their lives to building futures in Australia, to be assessed against the conditions that were in place at the time of their arrival.
- (2) Specifically, with reference to the changes on 1 September 2007 to the points test for General Skilled Migration visas, will the Minister consider applying the former points test to people granted a Student visa who had a clear intention of subsequently applying for permanent residency prior to the changes having been announced.

Notice given 27 June 2008

*511† **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the report by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Sustainable Ecosystems and the Australian National University to the Climate Institute, *Energy affordability, living standards and emissions trading: Assessing the social impacts of achieving deep cuts in Australian greenhouse emissions*, dated June 2008:

- (1) How much revenue did and/or will the CSIRO receive for work on this report.
- (2) How many CSIRO staff worked on the report.
- (3) How many CSIRO staff hours went into the report.
- (4) Specifically, what were the terms of reference for this report that were provided by the client.

*512† **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the report by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Sustainable Ecosystems and the Allen Consulting Group to the Dusseldorp Skills Forum, *Growing the green collar economy: Skills and labour challenges in reducing our greenhouse emissions and national environmental footprint*, dated June 2008:

- (1) How much revenue did and/or will the CSIRO receive for work on this report.
- (2) How many CSIRO staff worked on the report.

- (3) How many CSIRO staff hours went into the report.
- (4) Specifically, what were the terms of reference for this report that were provided by the client.

Notice given 3 July 2008

*513† **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the Minister’s travel to Japan and the United States of America (US) in June 2008:

- (1) Did the Minister travel from Australia to Japan by commercial airline or by special purpose aircraft.
- (2) How many personal staff and departmental officials accompanied the Minister to Japan.
- (3) Did all personal staff, family and departmental officials travel to Japan on the same flight as the Minister.
- (4) When were the travel arrangements for the Minister’s trip to Japan confirmed.
- (5) Was the Minister booked on a direct flight from Australia to the US prior to the planned visit to Japan.
- (6) (a) What was the Minister’s itinerary for the visit to Japan; (b) when was this itinerary first drafted; and (c) when was this itinerary subsequently finalised.
- (7) What was the length of the Minister’s stay in Japan.
- (8) For the visit to Japan: (a) what was the total cost of the Minister’s: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses; and (b) what was the total cost for each of the following groups, departmental officials, personal staff, and family, in relation to: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (9) Did all family, staff and departmental officials accompany the Minister from Japan to the US.
- (10) What was the cost of travel from Japan to the US for: (a) the Minister; (b) his family; (c) his personal staff; and (d) departmental officials.
- (11) How long did the Minister stay in the US.
- (12) For the visit to the US: (a) what was the total cost of the Minister’s: (i) travel, both internal and external, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses; and (b) what was the total cost for each of the following groups, departmental officials, personal staff, and family, in relation to: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (13) Were any of the Minister’s US activities adjusted to accommodate the trip to Japan.

Notice given 4 July 2008

*514 **Senator Bushby:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 14 July 2008*)—In regard to Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) cut backs, the CSIRO has cancelled its Forest Biosciences group which the forestry industry believes was supplying invaluable research into renewable forestry resources:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to assist financially or otherwise, in the area of forest biosciences research.
- (2) Has any modelling been done on the impacts on forestry research as a result of the disbanding of the Forest Biosciences group.

Notice given 10 July 2008

*515† **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to *Tax Expenditures Statement – 2007*:

- (1) Can details be provided of how the department estimates the tax expenditures of capped exemptions for: (a) certain public and not-for-profit hospitals under Tax Expenditure Statement (TES) reference code D6; and (b) public benevolent institutions, excluding public hospitals, under TES reference code D8.
- (2) (a) How many people does the department estimate utilise the fringe benefits tax exemption for both categories in (1) above; and (b) what amount of tax does the department estimate is foregone by on average per person for each of these tax free thresholds.
- (3) What assumptions are made to calculate: (a) the number of people who take advantage of the capped exemption for both of the exemptions in (1) above, and the growth in numbers over the forward years; and (b) the amount of tax forgone for each person.
- (4) Can an explanation be provided for the significant discrepancy in tax expenditure estimates from 2006 to 2007 in the capped exemption for public benevolent institutions (excluding public hospitals) under TES reference code D8.

*516† **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) How much Australian land has come under conservation covenants: (a) in perpetuity; and (b) via short-term covenants.
- (2) What is the average length of time for a short-term covenant.
- (3) Can a list of covenanted areas be provided, outlining their size in hectares and the duration of the covenant.
- (4) What conservation standards are required to be demonstrated by recipients of National Reserve System funds.
- (5) How much federal money is being spent on private conservation efforts, both in areas of conservancies and private landholders.
- (6) (a) How much money was distributed through the first Tasmanian Forest Conservation Fund; (b) what is the breakdown of the spending by the fund; and (c) what was left over.
- (7) Will another such fund be established; if so: (a) how much money would be allocated to this fund; and (b) will it use the same systems as the first fund.
- (8) What overall percentage of funds provided for private land conservation programs are earmarked for monitoring and evaluation.

*517† **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG) aquatic biosecurity review:

- (1) Will the Commonwealth take over the management of the AVG disease outbreak situation, and all ongoing management of the disease.

- (2) Given the highly mobile nature of the AVG disease, what is the Government's plan to contain outbreaks in states other than Victoria.
- (3) What provision has the Government made for quarantining areas known to have the active virus present.
- (4) Will the Government implement a Commonwealth review of the Australian abalone aquaculture situation, with a view to developing a set of management response actions that are mandated and triggered upon identification of diseases on the aquaculture farms, similar to the aquavet program.
- (5) Will the Government agree to be in charge of managing all disease research.
- (6) Will the Government agree to undertake a national review of aquaculture policies in each state, checked against the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment, national aquatic translocation policies, and Environmental Protection Agencies in each state.
- (7) Will the Minister agree to undertake an independent epidemiological review into Victoria's handling of this escape of an exotic disease into the marine environment.

*518 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) What environmental standard has the Government put in place in regard to the disposal of printer cartridges.
- (2) What education program is in place by the Government to promote their re-use and recycling.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that military-standard encryption microchips are used in some cartridges to prevent them from being re-useable.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that printer cartridge remanufacturing businesses are denied access to the Planet Ark recycling program.
- (5) Is the Minister aware that Planet Ark is crushing usable printer cartridges that could be recycled.

Notice given 14 July 2008

Senator Milne: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *519-*554)—

- (1) Does the department have a policy regarding the use of remanufactured printer products as opposed to buying new ones; if so, does the department assess the cost and re-useability of the product as part of its decision-making in regard to the policy.
- (2) Does the department have a policy directive to use remanufactured printer products and, by doing so, lower the balance of payments through reducing imports.
- (3) What environmental standard has the department put in place in regard to the disposal of printer cartridges.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that several of the printer companies are now putting chips in printer cartridges so that they cannot be re-used.
- (5) Does the department have any contractual arrangements with Lexmark or Epson; if so, is the department party to any 'Prebate' program.
- (6) Does the department know what happens to the printer cartridges when they are empty.

- (7) With whom does the department hold a printer supply contract and what are the conditions of the contract.
- (8) How much does the department spend on printer cartridges each financial year.
- (9) Does the department use Planet Ark to recycle cartridges.
- (10) Does the department use foreign companies such as Corporate Express when purchasing printer cartridges.

- *519 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- *520 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 July 2008*)
- *521 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- *522 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 July 2008*)
- *523† Minister representing the Treasurer
- *524 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- *525 Special Minister of State
- *526 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- *527 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- *528 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- *529† Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- *530† Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- *531 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- *532 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- *533 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- *534† Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- *535 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- *536 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- *537 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- *538 Minister for Human Services
- *539 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- *540 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- *541 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- *542 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- *543† Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- *544 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
- *545† Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- *546† Minister representing the Minister for Housing

- *547† Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- *548 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 July 2008*)
- *549 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 17 July 2008*)
- *550† Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy (*transferred to the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 19 August 2008*)
- *551† Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- *552† Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 July 2008*)
- *553 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 16 July 2008*)
- *554† Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 15 July 2008*)
- *555 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the National Carbon Accounting System (NCAS), for the period 1 January 2001 to date:
- (1) (a) Can a list be provided of all projects undertaken as part of the development of NCAS, other than the technical and strategic reports published on the NCAS web page; and (b) for each project, can the following details be provided: (i) a project title, (ii) start and finish dates, (iii) funding allocated, (iv) names and institutions of the chief researchers, (v) a brief description of the project, and (vi) references of resulting publications.
 - (2) (a) Can a list be provided of all projects undertaken in countries other than Australia by NCAS staff or consultants; and (b) for each project, can the following details be provided: (i) a project title, (ii) start and finish dates, (iii) funding allocated and its source, (iv) name of country in which project was undertaken, (v) names and institutions of the chief researchers, (vi) a brief description of the project, and (vii) references of resulting publications.
 - (3) What is the annual budget allocation.
 - (4) (a) Can a description be provided of the main ways in which the NCAS has sought public involvement in the development of the system, including a list and description of seminars, workshops or similar events where critical feedback has been requested; and (b) if any such events or processes are planned, can details be provided.
 - (5) What is the NCAS's policy on: (a) inviting public involvement in critiquing technical aspects of the system; (b) publishing research results; and (c) making staff available to participate in public discussion of NCAS.

Notice given 15 July 2008

*556† **Senator Colbeck:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the uptake, by numbers and percentage of students, of the school-based National HPV Vaccination Program for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years.
- (2) What was the uptake, by numbers and percentage of students aged between 13 and 18, of school-based 'catch-ups' under the program for the 2006-07 and the 2007-08 financial years.
- (3) What was the uptake, by numbers and percentage of women aged between 18 and 26, of the general practitioner based 'catch-ups' under the program for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial years.
- (4) Was the uptake of the vaccine as predicted or modelled by the department; if not, why not.
- (5) Has the department identified any impediments to the take up of the program; if so, what are they.
- (6) Is the Government considering extending the 'catch-up' programs, which are due to expire at the end of June 2009, so that more girls and women can be protected.

Notice given 18 July 2008

*557 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Has an assessment been made in relation to the effluent outfall of the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill in northern Tasmania and its impact on the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*).
- (2) Research undertaken by Dr Stewart Godfrey, a retired Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation oceanographer, found that the mill's effluent will impact on both Commonwealth and Tasmanian waters and given that the department has received Dr Godfrey's research and accepted further advice that it is scientifically sound, what is the department doing to ensure Commonwealth marine waters and species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* are not exposed to these effluent loads.
- (3) Is the Commonwealth in receipt of scientific advice that the mill will breach Commonwealth conditions each day of its operation if it does not install a tertiary treatment plant.
- (4) If sewage effluent is added to the outfall pipe, will a new Commonwealth approval be required.

*558 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to: (a) the report by Lisa Clarkson, published in May 2008, *Report on the findings of surveys conducted in the Dilston/Windermere area, Tamar Valley, Tasmania*, and with specific reference to the green and gold frog (*Litoria raniformis*) and the possible presence of a key threatening process, *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* or amphibian chytrid fungus); and (b) the Government's recent substantial funding for amphibian chytrid fungus surveillance in Tasmania and the recommendations made in the Chief Scientist's report on the scientific aspects of the Department of

the Environment and Water Resources recommendation report: can the Minister confirm whether Commonwealth funding will be used to assess the status of the remaining populations of the green and gold frog (which is currently listed as vulnerable) in the Tamar Valley in northern Tasmania, particularly those frog populations impacted by proposed road upgrades and water pipeline infrastructure development along the eastern side of the Tamar estuary.

***559 Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the water supply and effluent disposal pipeline, which will service the proposed Gunns Limited pulp mill in Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
- (2) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the port facility on the Tamar River, which will service the proposed mill; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
- (3) Has the Minister allocated funds for the railway system that may service the proposed mill; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
- (4) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the proposed log-sorting yard in Brighton, Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
- (5) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the Brighton bypass in southern Tasmania; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.
- (6) Has the Minister allocated funds for the construction of the new major road intersection where the pulp mill entrance joins the East Tamar Highway; if so: (a) why; (b) how much funding has been allocated; and (c) when will the funds be made available.

***560† Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer—With reference to the 2008 Survey of Housing and Income conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

- (1) Are there circumstances under which residents are permitted to decline to be surveyed.
- (2) Are residents compelled to participate in surveys, even when ill or unable to do so due to special circumstances, by incurring a fine of \$110 per day for non-compliance; if so, will the Minister change the provisions of the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975* to allow individuals to decline participation in surveys under special circumstances.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos *561-*563)—

- (1) So far, what is the total cost of Professor Garnaut's travel and accommodation expenses paid by, or invoiced to, the department.
- (2) What is the total cost of staffing resources provided to Professor Garnaut.
- (3) (a) How are staff working on the review engaged; (b) are the positions Australian Public Sector positions/classifications; (c) at what pay/level are the staff; and (d) are the staff on non-ongoing contracts.
- (4) Are the staff physically located within the Department of Climate Change; if not, where are the staff engaged.

- (5) In relation to Professor Garnaut's motor vehicle allowance, has the department made enquiries as to what type of motor vehicle Professor Garnaut drives; if so, what is its make and model.
- (6) Does the department pay Professor Garnaut's mobile phone bill; if so, how much has been paid/invoiced to date.
- (7) Has the Government provided any other resources to assist Professor Garnaut; if so, can details of these resources be provided.
- (8) For each of the five public forums held by Professor Garnaut in the week of 7 July 2008, what was the total cost of: (a) venue hire; (b) advertising; (c) Professor Garnaut's travel and accommodation; (d) any supporting staff travel and accommodation; and (e) any other expenses.
- (9) Has anyone working with Professor Garnaut, or Professor Garnaut himself, prepared briefing information for the Department of Climate Change for the Minister, or directly to the Minister; if so, when was this information provided to the Minister/department.
- (10) (a) Who paid for the printing, publication and distribution of the draft report of the Garnaut Climate Change Review; (b) what was the cost of printing, publication and distribution of the report; and (c) how many copies were printed.
- (11) (a) On what basis was the paper '9Lives80' selected for use in the report; (b) where is this paper made; (c) if the paper is not Australian-made: (i) why was this paper preferred ahead of Australian-made options, (ii) how many carbon miles were used to bring the paper to Australia for printing and use in the report, and (iii) were these carbon miles offset; and (d) what was the total cost of using this paper in the report.
- (12) (a) Who paid for the design and development of the logo for the Garnaut Climate Change Review; (b) who designed the logo; and (c) what was the total cost of designing the logo.
- (13) What financial or staffing support has been provided for the maintenance of the Garnaut Review website.

*561 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 12 August 2008*)

*562 Minister for Climate Change and Water

*563 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 12 August 2008*)

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

- (1) Under current legislation, at what point can all options of a Prospective Marriage Visa (Subclass 300) holder's ability to appeal decisions of the department or the Minister be exhausted in order that such issues may, through 'natural justice principles', reach a conclusion and a final outcome established.
- (2) (a) Can a Prospective Marriage Visa sponsor be provided information regarding the progress and outcome of a request for cancellation or is this information subject to the *Privacy Act 1988*; and (b) if the information is subject to the *Privacy Act*: (i) why is this the case, and (ii) why does allowable disclosure not apply.

Notice given 25 July 2008

*565† **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—

- (1) When does the Government intend to repeal the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005*, a commitment made in Chapter 5 of the Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Platform 2007.
- (2) Will the Department of Defence sites being assessed under the Act be repealed in accordance with the platform to 'not proceed with the development of any of the current sites identified by the Howard Government in the Northern Territory, if no contracts have been entered into for those sites'.
- (3) Will the Minister confirm that, on repeal of the Act, the Muckaty site will no longer have legal status and will therefore be repealed in accordance with the resolution of the Northern Territory ALP conference in April 2008.
- (4) Did the Minister meet, on 16 July 2008, with Northern Land Council representatives and/or the traditional owners of Muckaty Station; if so, what were the matters under discussion.
- (5) Is the Minister undertaking negotiation or discussions on 'transitional arrangements' regarding the Muckaty site; if so, what is the nature of the negotiations or discussions.
- (6) Given that the Northern Territory legislation prohibiting Commonwealth nuclear waste facilities will come back into effect on repeal of the Act, will the Government respect the right and jurisdiction of the Northern Territory Government.

Notice given 28 July 2008

*566 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—

- (1) (a) What is the progress of the satellite augmentation system being developed by Airservices Australia, known as the Ground-based Regional Augmentation System; and (b) have there been plans to halt development of the system.
- (2) (a) Is the project still going ahead; if not, will there be a financial loss; and (b) if there will be a loss, will it be incurred by Airservices Australia and charged to the aviation industry or to the taxpayer.

Notice given 30 July 2008

*567 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—

- (1) What is the Government's position on the balance of responsibility between employers and employees in occupational health and safety (OHS) matters.
- (2) Given the recent commitment by the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council to work toward harmonisation and reform of OHS legislation across Australia, what steps will the Minister take to ensure that all states and territories adopt the principle of 'reasonable and practical control'.
- (3) (a) What is the Minister's position on the New South Wales Government's withdrawal of its proposals for reform; and (b) how will the withdrawal affect the Council of Australian Governments commitment.

- (4) What steps will the Government take to ensure that model legislation is uniformly enforced to ensure maximum gains to the economy.

*568 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—

- (1) Prior to November 2007, how many people, excluding doctors, volunteered to the department to help with the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER).
- (2) How many people, excluding doctors, completed the single day training course for volunteers for the NTER.
- (3) Were any of these volunteers used in the NTER; if not, why not.
- (4) Were any of these volunteers informed by the department that they would no longer be needed.

Notice given 8 August 2008

*569 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In regard to Chapter 2 of the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*, ‘Coverage’:

- (1) Figure 2.5 (p. 121) compares Australia’s emissions with and without Article 3.4 emissions: (a) what activities produce the fluctuations in Australia’s total net emissions (from 350 Mt CO₂-e in 1994 to 800 Mt CO₂-e in 2002) when Article 3.4 activities are included; and (b) can a table of the annual emissions for each Article 3.4 activity between 1990 and 2005 be provided.
- (2) With reference to the statement on page 117 of the paper that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in its report *Good Practice Guidance*, ‘zero rated’ biofuels because emissions are offset by sequestration: (a) where emissions exceed annual sequestration, what is the IPCC recommendation in regard to reporting emissions; (b) what land base and time frame are used to determine whether emissions exceed sequestration; and (c) how does this apply in Australia to native forests, pre-1990 plantations and post-1990 plantations.
- (3) With reference to the estimate of deforestation emissions from 2008 onwards at 44 Mt CO₂-e per annum on page 134 of the paper and in Figure 2.6 and given that deforestation emissions in 2006 were 63 Mt CO₂-e: (a) what is the basis for the projection; and (b) where are the details in the cited reference, *National Greenhouse Gas Inventory*, 2006.

*570 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—In regard to Appendix D of the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*, ‘Analysis of the emissions intensity of Australian industries’:

- (1) Why were the industry emission intensities calculated using ‘revenue’ and not ‘value added’.
- (2) Will the Government release a revised table of industry emission intensities calculated using emissions per unit of value added; if not, why not.
- (3) Do the statistics for pulp, paper and paperboard (industry code 2303), sawmill products (industry code 2301), other wood products (industry code 2302), and paper containers and products (industry code 2304) include both the plantation and native forest sectors: (a) if so: (i) why were they not disaggregated for the same reason given for disaggregation in other sectors, namely considerable variation of emissions in sectors within an industry,

and (ii) will the Government release revised estimates for the above four industries showing the plantation sector separate from the native forest sector; and (b) if not: (i) why not, and (ii) what sectors are actually included in the calculations.

- (4) Do the statistics for forestry and logging (industry code 0300) include both the plantation and native forest sectors; if so, why were they not disaggregated for the same reason given for disaggregation in other sectors, namely considerable variation of emissions in sectors within an industry; if not, what sectors are actually included in the calculations.
- (5) The emissions intensities calculated for forestry and logging include emissions net of sequestration: (a) what is the actual emission intensity (excluding sequestration) of forestry and logging in the plantation sector; and (b) what is the actual emission intensity (excluding sequestration) of forestry and logging in the plantation sector.
- (6) Will the Government release revised data showing the emission intensity (excluding sequestration) for native-based forestry and logging calculated using emissions per unit of value added; if not, why not.
- (7) Can a copy be provided of the analysis conducted by the Centre for Integrated Sustainability Analysis, University of Sydney on which the appendix is based.

***571 Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 439, which stated that ‘the quantities of biomass fuel sources are reportable under NGERs [National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System] when combusted for energy production’, is the carbon content of the biomass fuel required to be reported; if not, where are the carbon emissions from combusted biomass reported under NGERs.
- (2) Under NGERs, is the carbon content of biomass feedstocks required to be reported when processed; if not, where are the carbon emissions from processed biomass feedstocks reported under NGERs.

Notice given 14 August 2008

***572 Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the report *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme: Green Paper*:

- (1) (a) What activities constitute: (i) ‘forestry’ in Chapter 2 ‘Coverage’, and (ii) ‘forestry and logging’ in Appendix D ‘Analysis of the emissions intensity of Australian industries’; and (b) in each case, where do: (i) native forest logging pre-1990 plantations, and (ii) post-1990 plantations, fit.
 - (2) In Appendix D, what revenue is attributable to post-1990 plantations.
 - (3) What proportion of emissions from deforestation are estimated to be due to forestry and logging in: (a) Tasmania; and (b) mainland Australia.
 - (4) What proportion of emissions from deforestation are estimated to be due to agriculture in: (a) Tasmania; and (b) mainland Australia.
 - (5) Why have deforestation emissions not been allocated to an industry sector when they are such a significant proportion of Australia’s total emissions.
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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 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.)

4 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.)

5 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.)

6 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

7 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.)

8 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.

9 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**10 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.)

11 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.)

12 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

13 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.)

14 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; document tabled 19 June 2008.)

15 Sport—Sports and recreation facilities—Grants—Order for production of document

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.

(Motion of Senator Bernardi agreed to 17 June 2008; document tabled 23 June 2008.)

16 Administration—Departmental and agency appointments—Order for production of documents

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.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)

17 Administration—Departmental and agency grants—Order for production of documents

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.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 24 June 2008.)

18 Defence—Defence procurement—Order for production of document

That—

- (a) the Senate notes that:
 - (i) the response from the Minister from Defence, the Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon MP, of 16 June 2008 to a Senate order for production of documents advised that ‘the documents in question are “Restricted” and “Commercial in Confidence” and as such I will not be making them available to the Special Minister of State for tabling in the Senate’, and
 - (ii) the procedural order of continuing effect relating to accountability provides that ‘The Senate...shall not entertain any claim to withhold information...on the grounds that it is commercial-in-confidence, unless the claim is...accompanied by a statement setting out the basis for the claim, including a statement of any commercial harm that may result from the disclosure of the information’; and
- (b) there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 26 June 2008, a statement of the commercial harm that would result from the disclosure of the commercial-in-confidence information in the red folder relating to defence procurement projects.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 25 June 2008; document tabled 26 June 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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, Bishop, Carol Brown, Fierravanti-Wells, Forshaw, Humphries, Hutchins, Joyce, Marshall, McEwen, Moore, Parry, Troeth and Trood

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

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 Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
 National Broadband Network
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 - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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 - Parliamentary Library
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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, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiry

Food production in Australia (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2009*)

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, 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

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

Current inquiry

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

Report presented

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 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

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

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

Report presented

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 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, Bilyk, Boyce, Carol Brown, Lundy and Siewert

Substitute member

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Carol Brown

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Mental health services in Australia (*referred 28 March 2007; readopted 14 February 2008; interim report presented 19 June 2008; final reporting date: 25 September 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; reporting date: 10 November 2008*)

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

Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (*referred 17 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 10 November 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*)

Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008] (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Mental health services in Australia—Interim report (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

* A matter relating to the PET review of 2000 (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Members

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Boyce, Coonan and Marshall and Ms Grierson, Mr Keenan, Ms Owens, and Mr Robert

Current inquiries

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

* Franchising Code of Conduct (*adopted 25 June 2008*)

Report presented

Better shareholders – better company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

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 Bushby, Cameron, Furner, Joyce and Pratt

Substitute members

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and related matters—Senator Cormann to replace Senator Joyce

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 and related matters—Senator Cormann to replace Senator Bushby

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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 report presented 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*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

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 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008, National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008*)

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 2 September 2008*)

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of November 2008*)

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions], Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 25 June 2008; reporting date: 16 October 2008*)

* Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*)

* Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 2008*)

* Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 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 President on 11 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008*)

Australia's space science and industry sector—Interim report (*tabled 23 June 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee

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

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

Portfolio

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members

Senator Marshall (*Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Cash, Collins, Crossin, Fisher, Humphries and Siewert

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Academic freedom in school and higher education (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 11 November 2008*)

- * Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 20 March 2009*)

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*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 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*)

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008 for inquiry in conjunction with the committee's 2007 Federal Election inquiry; reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Report presented

Schedule 1 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008—Advisory report (*tabled 17 June 2008*)

Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee

http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca_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*), and Senators Birmingham, Ludlam, Lundy, Parry, Pratt, Williams and Wortley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Waste management in Australia and the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 (*referred 20 March 2008; reporting date: 28 August 2008*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 14 October 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2008*)

Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters (*referred 25 June 2008; interim report presented 15 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*)

The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

* Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

* Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Marshall, on 15 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

http://www.apf.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 Cameron, Collins, Fierravanti-Wells, Moore and Ryan

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cash, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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*)
 Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation
 Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Senator Forshaw (*Chair*), Mr Hawker (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Arbib, Bishop, Cormann, Ferguson, Fifield, Moore, O'Brien, Payne and Trood 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 inquiries

RAAF F-111 Deseal-Reseal workers and their families (*referred 21 May 2008*)
 Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America
 (*referred 4 June 2008*)

* Australia's relationship with ASEAN (*referred 25 June 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, Feeney, Forshaw, Kroger and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Hogg, Johnston, Joyce, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

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*)

Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (*referred 24 June 2008; reporting date: 30 May 2009*)

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*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)

- * Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 31 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
- * Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 1 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 25 June 2008; reporting date: 21 October 2009*)

Members

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Joyce and McEwen

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Johnston, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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 Colbeck, Fifield, Lundy and Moore

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Hogg, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Polley, Ronaldson, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood 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, Marshall, McGauran 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*)

Reports 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*)

Review of the re-listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) (*tabled 25 June 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 Farrell, Feeney, Fisher, Hanson-Young, Marshall and Trood

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Current inquiries

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008, any related bills introduced to give effect to the recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report *Same Sex: Same Entitlements* and related matters (*referred 18 June 2008; reporting date: 30 September 2008 or after the consideration of any related bills, whichever is the sooner*)

- Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 18 June 2008*)
- * Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (*referred 26 June 2008*)
 - * Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 August 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*)
- Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
- Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 24 June 2008*)
- * Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Library—Standing Committee

Members

The President (*Chair*), and Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Hutchins and Trood

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 Bilyk, Eggleston, McEwen 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 Broadband Network—Select Committee

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

(*appointed 25 June 2008; reporting date: 30 March 2009*)

Members

Senator Fisher (*Chair*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Lundy, Macdonald, Nash and Sterle

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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

Report presented

- * The way forward: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, on 16 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)
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Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee

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

(appointed 14 February 2008)

Members

Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Hutchins and Trood 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 Collins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Hurley, McGauran, McLucas, O'Brien and Payne

Reports presented

- 133rd report—Possible false or misleading evidence before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (*tabled 15 May 2008*)
 - 134th report—Effective repetition (*tabled 18 June 2008*)
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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 Ellison, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig, Parry and Siewert

Publications—Standing Committee

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

Members

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

Reports presented

1st report (*tabled 20 March 2008*)

2nd report (*tabled 15 May 2008*)

* 3rd report (*tabled 26 June 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, Boyce, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy 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*)

Report presented

* Report 410—Tax administration (*tabled 26 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*)

Referrals tabled March 2008 (Fifth report of 2008) (*tabled 25 June 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, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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 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*), and Senators Heffernan, Hurley, Hutchins, McGauran, Milne, Nash and O'Brien

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Hogg, Humphries, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McLucas, Minchin, Moore, Parry, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

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*)

- * Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (*adopted under standing order 25(2)(b), 29 May 2008; interim report presented 9 July 2008*)
- * Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 27 November 2008*)
- * Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 22 August 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*)

Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (*tabled 25 June 2008*)

- * Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Fierravanti-Wells, on 9 July 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7)*)

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 Cameron, Collins 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*)

No. 5 of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

No. 6 of 2008 (*tabled 25 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*)

Fifth report of 2008 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

The work of the committee during the 40th Parliament: February 2002 – August 2004 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Sixth report of 2008 (*tabled 25 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 Nationals Whip, the Australian Greens Whip, the Family First Party Whip, and Senators Adams, Ellison, Ludwig and McEwen

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*)

Report no. 5 of 2008 (*presented 18 June 2008*)

Report no. 6 of 2008 (*presented 25 June 2008*)

* Report no. 7 of 2008 (*presented 26 June 2008*)

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee

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

Members

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Fifield, Forshaw, Humphries and Pratt

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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 8 December 2007 and 23 June 2008 (*tabled 25 June 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 Macdonald (*Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Bushby, Forshaw and Polley

Participating members

Senators Abetz, Adams, Arbib, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Ellison, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Heffernan, Hogg, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, McLucas, Milne, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Siewert, Stephens, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

Members

Mr KJ Thomson (*Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, McGauran, Pratt 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

Reports presented

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

Report 92—Treaty tabled on 4 June 2008 (*tabled 19 June 2008*)

* Report 91—Treaties tabled on 12 March 2008 (*tabled 26 June 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 Ferguson (*appointed 12 March 2008 and 1 July 2008, 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.