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*The Senate meets at 9.30 am*

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## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### Notices of Motion

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

- \*1 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (Senator Crossin):** To move—That the reference to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee relating to Australia's judicial system be withdrawn.
- \*2 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (Senator Crossin):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 August 2009:  
Access to justice, with particular reference to:
- (a) the ability of people to access legal representation;
  - (b) the adequacy of legal aid;
  - (c) the cost of delivering justice;
  - (d) measures to reduce the length and complexity of litigation and improve efficiency;
  - (e) alternative means of delivering justice;
  - (f) the adequacy of funding and resource arrangements for community legal centres; and
  - (g) the ability of Indigenous people to access justice.
- \*3 **Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee (Senator Crossin):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 17 August 2009:  
Australia's judicial system and the role of judges, with particular reference to:
- (a) procedures for appointment and method of termination of judges;
  - (b) term of appointment of judges, including the desirability of a compulsory retirement age, and the merit of full-time, part-time or other arrangements;
  - (c) jurisdictional issues, for example, the interface between the federal and state judicial system; and
  - (d) the judicial complaints handling system.
- \*4 **Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig):** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 15 May 2009:  
Any Government proposal to implement the Government's announced 2008-09 Budget measure to increase compliance audits on Medicare benefits by increasing the audit powers to Medicare Australia to access the patient records supporting Medicare billing and to apply sanctions on providers.
- \*5 **Senator Humphries:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2009:  
The design of the Federal Government's national registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers, including:
- (a) the impact of the scheme on state and territory health services;

- (b) the impact of the scheme on patient care and safety;
- (c) the effect of the scheme on standards of training and qualification of relevant health professionals;
- (d) how the scheme will affect complaints management and disciplinary processes within particular professional streams;
- (e) the appropriate role, if any, in the scheme for state and territory registration boards; and
- (f) alternative models for implementation of the scheme.

## Orders of the Day

### 1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

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

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

Report to be presented on the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines.

### 3 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

Final report to be presented on the exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008.

### 4 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2008.

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### Notice of Motion

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

#### \*1 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas):** To move—That on Thursday, 19 March 2009:

- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
- (b) consideration of general business, and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
- (c) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 3.45 pm shall be government business only;
- (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm;
- (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below and any messages from the House of Representatives:

Fair Work Bill 2008

Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009  
 Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—  
 consideration of messages  
 Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008  
 Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment  
 (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009  
 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures)  
 Bill 2008 [2009]  
 Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2008-2009  
 Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2008-2009  
 Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2008-2009  
 Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2008-2009  
 Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009  
 Social Security Amendment (Liquid Assets Waiting Period) Bill 2009;  
 and

- (f) if the Senate is sitting at midnight, the sitting of the Senate be suspended till 9.30 am on Friday, 20 March 2009.

### Orders of the Day

**1 Fair Work Bill 2008**

In committee (*18 March 2009*).

**\*2 Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009—***(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas)*

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 18 March 2009*).

**3 Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008**

In committee (*11 March 2009*).

**4 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]—***(Senate bill)—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)*

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*3 December 2008*).

**\*5 Social Security Amendment (Liquid Assets Waiting Period) Bill 2009—***(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas)*

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator McLucas, 18 March 2009*).

*(Bill exempted on 18 March 2009 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111—see Orders of the Senate—Legislation)*

**6 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Proposed variation of appointment**

Consideration of message no. 274 from the House of Representatives (*11 March 2009*).

- 7 Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2008-2009**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig and Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery, Senator Arbib)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009, and Senator Arbib, 17 March 2009*).
- 8 Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2008**  
Consideration in committee of the whole (*4 December 2008*).
- 9 Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008**—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- 10 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Sherry, 5 February 2009*).
- 11 Employment and Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- 12 Customs Amendment (Enhanced Border Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 13 Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).
- 14 Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008**—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- 15 Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 February 2009*).
- 16 Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*13 February 2009*).
- 17 Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008**—(Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Senator Sherry)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*12 February 2009*).

- 18 **Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009*).
- 19 **Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]**—(*Senate bill*)—(*Special Minister of State, Senator Faulkner*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*26 November 2008*).
- 20 **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 (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008*).

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## 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 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee—First report—The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***  
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, 18 March 2009*).
- 2 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 3 **Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 4 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 5 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Crossin—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 6 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).
- 7 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee—Interim report**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the report (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 8 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Towards recovery: Mental health services in Australia**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Moore)—That the Senate take note of the report (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### **Order of the Day relating to Auditor-General's reports**

- 1 **Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Disability employment services—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

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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 24 September 2008*

- 220 **Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin):** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the claims of both the Managers of Government Business in the Senate and the House of Representatives that the Government's legislative priority for the sitting week beginning 22 September 2008 is the passage of its budget-related bills, and
  - (ii) that the Government has deferred consideration of its supposed priority bills on numerous occasions throughout the past three sitting weeks; and
- (b) calls on the Government to give precedence to the following bills over other legislation:
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008
  - Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and a related bill.

*Notice given 13 October 2008*

- 233 **Senator Xenophon:** To move—That there be laid on the table by 1 November 2009 a report by the Productivity Commission on:

- (a) the total number and proportion of privately insured patients, in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued, who were fully informed of the cost of hospital and specialist services before providing consent for treatment, in both public and private hospitals;
- (b) the comparative hospital, and medical, costs for each defined group of clinically similar procedures, as per the classification of Australian Refined Diagnostic Related Groups, as performed by the public and private hospital sectors separately in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued; and
- (c) the rate (i.e. the number and proportion of all admissions) of hospital-acquired infections, by type, reported by individual public and private hospitals in the latest 6-month period for which data is available prior to the report being issued.

*Notice given 3 February 2009*

- 340 **Senator Hanson-Young:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
- (i) the recent decision by the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, to overturn the global gag rule for family planning guidelines that effectively prohibits the use of aid funding for some contraceptives, and for abortion advice and services, and



- (ii) that Australia is now the only country that continues to enforce these harsh restrictions on our aid program, limiting its ability to provide an effective and essential family planning service;
- (b) recognises:
  - (i) the essential role mothers play in developing communities, with both maternal and child health considered crucial Millennium Development Goals, and
  - (ii) that an estimated 34 000 mothers die in our region each year, due to the lack of maternal health supports available, with more than half of the 29 developing countries not on track to achieve either goal; and
- (c) calls on the Rudd Government to stand up for women's rights and immediately abolish the family planning guidelines that prevent Australian aid money from being spent on contraception and family planning advice.

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

**\*402 Senator Ferguson:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) celebrates and commends the achievements of the Turkish community here in the Commonwealth of Australia that has been created as a result of this agreement in the 40 years since its implementation;
- (b) notes that once enemies on the battlefields of Gallipoli, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of Turkey have established a unique relationship and bond forged in the blood of young men from both nations and that this uniqueness at the core of deep rooted relations between the two countries gained even more momentum by the unforgettable reconciliatory remarks of the Founder of the Modern Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, to the mothers of fallen Anzacs ‘...You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well’;
- (c) notes the Turkish nation is now a friendly power and members of the Turkish community have now integrated into Australian society;
- (d) acknowledges the unique relationship that exists between Australia and Turkey; a bond highlighted by both nations commitment to the rights and liberties of our citizens and the pursuit of a just world, highlighted by the statement of Ataturk ‘Peace at Home, Peace in the World’;
- (e) commends the Republic of Turkey's commitment to democracy, the rule of law and secularism; and
- (f) on this, the 40th anniversary of the Formal Agreement between The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of The Republic of Turkey concerning the Residence and Employment of Turkish Citizens in Australia, pledges Australia's friendship, commitment and enduring support to the people of Turkey as we celebrate this important occasion together.

**\*403 Senator Bushby:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) it has been 268 days since the House of Representatives received the Senate's message regarding amendments to the Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008;

- (ii) the Treasurer (Mr Swan) in his second reading speech to the bill said, ‘These reforms that the Governor and I agreed to last year herald in a new era of independence and transparency in monetary policy in Australia. The introduction of this bill into the parliament today is a key step to delivering this’, and
    - (iii) as a result of this inaction, the Government is failing to deliver on its ‘new era of independence and transparency’ for the Reserve Bank; and
  - (b) sends a message to the House of Representatives requesting that the House immediately consider the Senate amendments to the Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008.
- \*404 **Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee (Senator Sterle):** To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines be extended to 14 May 2009.
- \*405 **Senator Hanson-Young and Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes the appreciation of the gay and lesbian community of the recent passing of the same-sex law reforms;
  - (b) recognises:
    - (i) concerns raised by the gay and lesbian community that isolated and vulnerable members of the community may only become aware of these reforms after 30 March 2009 when Centrelink’s education campaign commences, and
    - (ii) that the arbitrary time frame will not allow for same-sex couples to adequately adjust to the removal of discrimination before incurring debt and penalties; and
  - (c) calls on the Government to revisit the implementation of a 12-month transitional period to ensure individuals currently on a social security payment have sufficient time to readjust to the changes.
- \*406 **President (Senator Hogg):** To move—That the Senate—
- (1) Recognises the Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Australia, formed in 1988, as a forum in which former Members and Senators can meet, discuss and promote parliamentary democracy.
  - (2) Acknowledges the contribution made by the Association and its members to debate on public policy in Australia and the furthering of parliamentary democracy in general.
  - (3) Welcomes the role of the Association in encouraging former Members and Senators to maintain their contacts, associations and friendships established during their tenure as Australia parliamentarians.
  - (4) Endorses the Association’s role in establishing fraternal relations with kindred organisations within Australia and internationally.
- \*407 **Senator Cormann:** To move—That the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008 for the production of documents relating to departmental and agency appointments be amended as follows:
- At the end of paragraph (1)(a), add “and the place of permanent residence by state or territory of the appointee”.

- \*408 **Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That the Senate noting the words of the Government (Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig) in the Senate on 17 March 2009 that, ‘Under the EPBC Act the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts can do much more than prevent any deliberate actions which would increase the prospect of the swift parrot going to extinction’:
- (a) calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Mr Garrett) to act, well within these powers, to prevent any deliberate action which would increase the prospect of Australia’s swift parrot becoming extinct; and
  - (b) calls on the Government to inform the Senate by 12 May 2009 whether the swift parrot recovery plans meet International Union for the Conservation of Nature requirements.
- \*409 **Senator Siewert:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) expresses its concern over the treatment of Junichi Sato and Toru Suzuki, two Japanese Greenpeace activists who were held without charge for 26 days and are currently on strict bail restrictions, pending a court case into their role in exposing the embezzlement of whale meat from the Japanese Government sponsored whaling program;
  - (b) notes that:
    - (i) on Thursday, 19 March 2009, Greenpeace Australia is coordinating concerned Australian citizens to hold peaceful protests outside the Japanese Embassy in Canberra, to voice their concerns over the Japanese Government’s handling of this trial, and
    - (ii) no charges have been laid relating to the embezzlement of whale meat by the crew of the *Nisshin Maru* whaling vessel, and that the Japanese Public Prosecutor has subsequently dropped the investigation into the involvement of the crew and whaling officials in this illegal trade; and
  - (c) calls on the Australian Government:
    - (i) to press the Japanese Government to take action on the alleged embezzlement of whale meat and to ensure that international human rights treaties, of which Australia and Japan are signatories, are upheld, and
    - (ii) to request the International Whaling Commission to launch its own investigation into the embezzlement of whale meat by crew members of the Japanese whaling fleet.
- \*410 **Senator Ludlam:** To move—That the Senate—
- (a) notes that:
    - (i) more than 40 terrorism laws have been enacted in relation to terrorism since 2001, some of which included significant departures from established principles of Australian law,
    - (ii) due to the exceptional nature of these complex laws, and to ensure scrutiny, accountability and transparency, an independent reviewer has been recommended by:
      - (A) the Security Legislation Review Committee chaired by the Honourable Simon Sheller AO, QC, in June 2006,
      - (B) the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security in December 2006, and again in 2007,

- (C) the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee in October 2008, and
- (D) the Senate through the passage of a private senator's bill in November 2008,
- (iii) independent review mechanisms are a feature of best practice in like-minded democracies, and
- (iv) the Government promised in November 2008 a comprehensive response to the proposal for an independent review of counter terrorism laws and other review recommendations; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (i) introduce legislation that would establish an Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws, and
  - (ii) update the Senate as to the Government's intended timetable for the introduction of the promised comprehensive response.

\*411 **Senator Macdonald:** To move—That the Senate notes:

- (a) that the Greens political party in Queensland has allocated preferences to the Bligh Labor Government in 12 marginal seats thus heightening the chances of the Labor Government being returned to office in Queensland at the election on Saturday, 21 March 2009;
- (b) the Greens political party both in Queensland and federally claim to oppose the construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam on the Mary River in Queensland;
- (c) that the Liberal National Party in Queensland has consistently and firmly opposed the construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam;
- (d) that the Bligh Labor Government has refused to rule out construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam and has indicated it would make an application to the Federal Government for Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act approval to construct the Traveston Crossing Dam after Saturday's election in Queensland; and
- (e) the contradictory approaches of the Greens political party to construction of the Traveston Crossing Dam.

**Notice of amendment: Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown):** To move—That, logically, the Queensland National Liberal Party, in concern for the Mary River, ought to prefer the Greens over the Australian Labor Party in assessing preference directions.

**Notice of amendment to the proposed notice of amendment of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): Senator Macdonald:** To move—That the Senate also notes that the Liberal National Party in Queensland is not recommending preferences.

\*412 **Senator Ludlam:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) an Environment, Communication and the Arts Committee inquiry found numerous and fundamental flaws in the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005* and recommended in December 2008 that it be repealed, and

- (ii) the committee called for replacement legislation to be introduced into the parliament in the autumn 2009 sittings that would be based on principles of rigorous consultation, voluntary consent, environmental credibility, and which utilises best practice models tested internationally; and
- (b) calls on the Australian Government to:
  - (i) repeal the *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act 2005* and introduce replacement legislation as outlined in Australian Labor Party (ALP) policy and subsequently recommended by the committee,
  - (ii) deliver a process on radioactive waste that is scientific, transparent, accountable, fair and allows access to appeal mechanisms, which is both an election promise and a stated policy position of the ALP, and
  - (iii) update the Senate as to the Government's intended timetable for the introduction of the repeal and replacement legislation.

## Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

### 1 Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

### 2 Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### 3 Airservices Australia—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Macdonald, 12 March 2009*).

### 4 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

### 5 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2007-08, including State of the Wet Tropics report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### 6 Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### 7 Australian Customs Service—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

### 8 Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2007-08

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**9 Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Reports for 2007-08—**

**Volume 1—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**

**Volume 2—Legislation**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**10 National Transport Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**11 Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**12 Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**13 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**14 Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (Teaching Australia)—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**15 Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**16 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**17 Australian Fair Pay Commission—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**18 Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (*adjourned, Senator Parry, 12 March 2009*).

**19 Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2007-08—Correction**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

**20 National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 21 **Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 22 **Australian River Co. Limited—Report for 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 23 **Audio-Visual Copyright Society Limited (Screenrights)—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 24 **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 25 **Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 26 **General Practice Education and Training Limited—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 27 **Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2007-08 on the operation of the Act**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 28 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 481/08 to 491/08—Government response to reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, dated 24 November 2008**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 29 **Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of appropriateness of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 481/08 to 491/08—Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 30 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Crime Commission**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 31 **National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 32 **Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).

- 33 **Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004—Report on financial assistance granted to each state in respect of 2007**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Mason—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Mason, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 34 **Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Customs Service**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 35 **Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 36 **Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 37 **Bilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Agreement between the Government of Australia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation on the Security of Information, done At New York on 26 September 2007**  
Consideration (*26 November 2008*).
- 38 **Australian Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Parry—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 39 **Telstra Sale Company Limited—Report for 2007-08**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 40 **Administrative Review Council—Report no. 49: Administrative accountability in business areas subject to complex and specific regulation, dated November 2008**  
Consideration (*2 December 2008*).
- 41 **Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel Selection Committee—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (*2 December 2008*).
- 42 **Snowy Hydro Limited—Financial report for the period 1 July 2007 to 28 June 2008**  
Consideration (*2 December 2008*).
- 43 **Skills Australia—Report for the period 20 March to 30 June 2008**  
Consideration (*2 December 2008*).
- 44 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008**  
Consideration (*2 December 2008*).



- 45 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 46 **Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008**  
Consideration (2 December 2008).
- 47 **Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Anglo-Australian Observatory—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 48 **ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 49 **Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2007-08**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 50 **Multilateral treaty—Text, together with national interest analysis—Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, 13 December 2006**  
Consideration (3 December 2008).
- 51 **Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 52 **Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 53 **Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008, dated December 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 54 **Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008**  
Consideration (4 December 2008).
- 55 **Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2007-08—Correction**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Williams—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 3 February 2009*).
- 56 **Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on state revenue sharing relativities—2009 update**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brandis—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Brandis, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).

57 **Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of research and consumer representation in relation to telecommunications—Report for 2007-08**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Barnett—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).

\*58 **Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2008**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 18 March 2009*).

### 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*).
- 3 **Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)**  
Second reading (*restored 13 February 2008*).
- 4 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Bartlett)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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 (*Senator Heffernan, in continuation, 4 September 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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*).
- 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 document (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 19 June 2008*).
- 62 **Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Johnston)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Parry, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 63 **Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 64 **Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 65 **Family and Community Services—Cost of living pressures**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Bernardi—That the Senate notes:  
(a) that many Australians are worse off today than they were in 2007;  
(b) that many Australians are experiencing difficulties due to increasing cost of living pressures; and  
(c) the Government's failure to address these difficulties (*Senator O'Brien, in continuation, 28 August 2008*).
- 66 **Flags (Protection of Australian Flags) Amendment Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Barnett)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Barnett, in continuation, 3 September 2008*).
- 67 **Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Farrell, in continuation, 12 March 2009*).
- 68 **ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Xenophon)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Xenophon, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 69 **Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Minchin)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Fisher, in continuation, 4 September 2008*).
- 70 **Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2008 [No. 2]—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)**  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).

- 71 **Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 17 September 2008*).
- 72 **Economics—Management of the economy**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Fifield—That the Senate condemns the Rudd Government for its reckless management of the Australian economy in a time of global economic challenge, including:
- (a) the Government’s irresponsibility in talking down the Australian economy;
  - (b) the massive collapse in consumer and business confidence since the election of the Rudd Government;
  - (c) the delivery of a budget that forecasts an increase in unemployment;
  - (d) the Government’s raising of inflationary expectations and failure to honour its promise to address cost of living pressures; and
  - (e) the absence of a coherent economic strategy and a focus on presentation rather than policy (*Senator Williams, in continuation, 18 September 2008*).
- 73 **Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 24 September 2008*).
- 74 **Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Ludlam*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 75 **Environment—Caring for our country—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 25 September 2008*).
- 76 **Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Milne*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery (Senator Arbib), in continuation, 13 November 2008*).
- 78 **Renewable Energy Amendment (Increased Mandatory Renewable Energy Target) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Milne*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Milne, in continuation, 27 November 2008*).
- 80 **Administration—The first national security statement to the Australian Parliament—Ministerial statement**  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Abetz—That the Senate take note of the document (*Senator Abetz, in continuation, 4 December 2008*).
- 81 **Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Siewert*)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 March 2009*).



82 **Trade—ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand free trade area—Ministerial statement**

Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Macdonald—That the Senate take note of the documents (*Senator Macdonald, in continuation, 16 March 2009*).

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**BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**On 31 March 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the 2008-09 additional estimates.

**On 14 April 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

**On 24 April 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Final 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.

**On 29 April 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on residential and community aged care in Australia.

**On 30 April 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## Government Business—Order of the Day

- 1 **Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008**—(*Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009*).

**On 7 May 2009**

## Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Report to be presented on the Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

## General Business—Order of the Day

- 79 **Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)**—(*Senator Birmingham*)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 3 December 2008*).

**Next day of sitting (12 May 2009)**

## Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 3 February 2009*

- 1 **Senator Milne:** To move—That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 29 May 2009:

Australia's climate change response, with particular reference to:

- (a) the adequacy or otherwise of the Government's greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 5 per cent by 2020 and 60 per cent by 2050 below 2000 levels in avoiding dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate, defined as a global temperature rise of more than 2 degrees;
- (b) whether or not, if the global community pursues a 550 parts per million (ppm) target until 2020, there is any prospect of achieving a 450 ppm target, i.e. is an 'overshoot' emission trajectory realistic and what are the risks involved;
- (c) whether or not, if the global community pursues a 550 ppm target, the Government's greenhouse emission reduction targets of 5 per cent by 2020 and 60 per cent by 2050 below 2000 levels constitutes a fair and proportionate contribution to the global abatement task;
- (d) what emission targets would be consistent with achieving a 300 ppm, 350 ppm and a 400 ppm atmospheric concentration target, equitably shared between industrial and developing nations, and between industrialised nations; and

- (e) the debate into global negotiations to date on per capita emission targets and whether or not the Government's arguments on per capita emissions are consistent with globally understood principles of equity underpinning burden sharing arrangements.

### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

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

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

Report to be presented on matters specified in part (2) of the inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system.

### Government Business—Orders of the Day

**1 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009—(Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery, Senator Arbib)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 March 2009).

**\*2 Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Human Services, Senator Ludwig)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 March 2009).

**\*3 Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009**

**Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009—(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator McLucas)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (18 March 2009).

### General Business—Notice of Motion

*Notice given 17 March 2009*

**399 Senator Cormann:** To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that ministers and officers have continued to refuse to provide information to Senate committees without properly raising claims of public interest immunity as required by past resolutions of the Senate;
- (b) reaffirms the principles of past resolutions of the Senate by this order, to provide ministers and officers with guidance as to the proper process for raising public interest immunity claims and to consolidate those past resolutions of the Senate; and
- (c) orders that the following operate as an order of continuing effect:
  - (1) If:
    - (a) a Senate committee, or a senator in the course of proceedings of a committee, requests information or a document from a Commonwealth department or agency; and

- (b) an officer of the department or agency to whom the request is directed believes that it may not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee,  
the officer shall state to the committee the ground on which the officer believes that it may not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee, and specify the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document.
- (2) If, after receiving the officer's statement under paragraph (1), the committee or the senator requests the officer to refer the question of the disclosure of the information or document to a responsible minister, the officer shall refer that question to the minister.
- (3) If a minister, on a reference by an officer under paragraph (2), concludes that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the information or document to the committee, the minister shall provide to the committee a statement of the ground for that conclusion, specifying the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document.
- (4) A minister, in a statement under paragraph (3), shall indicate whether the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document to the committee could result only from the publication of the information or document by the committee, or could result, equally or in part, from the disclosure of the information or document to the committee as in camera evidence.
- (5) If, after considering a statement by a minister provided under paragraph (3), the committee concludes that the statement does not sufficiently justify the withholding of the information or document from the committee, the committee shall report the matter to the Senate.
- (6) A decision by a committee not to report a matter to the Senate under paragraph (5) does not prevent a senator from raising the matter in the Senate in accordance with other procedures of the Senate.
- (7) A statement that information or a document is not published, or is confidential, or consists of advice to, or internal deliberations of, government, in the absence of specification of the harm to the public interest that could result from the disclosure of the information or document, is not a statement that meets the requirements of paragraph (1) or (4).
- (8) If a minister concludes that a statement under paragraph (3) should more appropriately be made by the head of an agency, by reason of the independence of that agency from ministerial direction or control, the minister shall inform the committee of that conclusion and the reason for that conclusion, and shall refer the matter to the head of the agency, who shall then be required to provide a statement in accordance with paragraph (3).

*Notice of motion altered on 17 March 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.*

*Day for bringing on motion changed pursuant to standing order 77 on 17 March 2009.*

### On 14 May 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media.

2 **Climate Policy—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

### On 30 May 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders 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.

2 **Men's Health—Select Committee**

Report to be presented.

### On 15 June 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008. (*Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.*)

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

Second report to be presented.

#### General Business—Order of the Day

77 **Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown)**

Second reading—Adjourned debate (*Senator Bob Brown, in continuation, 11 November 2008*).

### On 17 June 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

\*1 **Economics—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on foreign investment in Australia.

### On 18 June 2009

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

Report to be presented on public passenger transport in Australia.

- 2 **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on the oversight of the child care industry.

**On 22 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **National Broadband Network—Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented.

**On 23 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Standing Committees**  
Reports to be presented on the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

**On 25 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Environment, Communications and the Arts—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.
- 2 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on the implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children.

**On 30 June 2009**

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania.
- 2 **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee**  
Final report to be presented on meat marketing.
- 3 **Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee**  
Final report to be presented on the pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market.

### **Twelve sitting days after today (11 August 2009)**

#### Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

*Notice given 16 March 2009*

- 1 **Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley):** To move—That Instrument number CASA 627/08, made under regulation 208 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, be disallowed. [F2008L04468]

*Thirteen 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 the Other Grants Guidelines (Research) 2008, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, be disallowed. [F2008L04398]

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

### **On 17 August 2009**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on the Australia's judicial system.

### **By 17 September 2009**

#### Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

- 1 **Economics—Standing Committee**  
Report to be presented on bank mergers.
- 2 **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 21 October 2009**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**  
Report to be presented.

### **On 23 November 2009**

#### Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

- 1 **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**  
Report to be presented on financial products and services in Australia.

**On the last sitting day of 2009 (26 November 2009)**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 **Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

Report to be presented on the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia.

**On 26 November 2009**

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

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

Third 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—Order of the Day

1 **Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee**

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

General Business—Order of the Day

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

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





## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

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

Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (*referred 14 May 2008*).

### **Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee (*referred 13 November 2008; reporting date varied 25 November 2008; reporting date: 15 June 2009*).

### **Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions]‡**

Referred to the Economics Committee (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 30 April 2009*).

### **Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008‡**

Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date varied 17 March 2009; reporting date: 7 May 2009*).

*Further information about the progress of these bills may be found in either the Senate Bills List or the Senate Daily Bills Update at [www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)*

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

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## BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

### **Government bills**

#### **Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009**

#### **Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009**

#### **Household Stimulus Package Bill 2009**

#### **Tax Bonus for Working Australians Bill 2009**

#### **Tax Bonus for Working Australians (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009**

#### **Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2009**

Third reading negatived, 12 February 2009.

#### **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]—(*Senate bill*)**

Second reading negatived, 11 March 2009.

#### **Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**

#### **Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009**

Third reading negatived, 18 March 2009.

#### **Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008**

#### **Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008**

#### **Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008**

Third reading negatived, 4 February 2009.

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

Second reading negatived, 19 March 2008.

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

Second reading negatived, 12 November 2008.

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

Second reading negatived, 28 August 2008.

**Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008**

Second reading negatived, 4 December 2008.

Second reading moved again and agreed to, 4 February 2009.

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

Third reading negatived, 26 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**

Second reading negatived, 4 September 2008.

Second reading moved again, 17 September 2008, and agreed to, 22 September 2008.

**Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008**

Second reading negatived, 24 September 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.

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

Discharged from *Notice Paper*, 11 November 2008.

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## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### *Questions remaining unanswered*

Question Nos, as shown, from 578 to 1298 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

*Notice given 25 August 2008*

578 **Senator Minchin:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many ministers and/or parliamentary secretaries travelled overseas during July and August 2008.
- (2) (a) Which ministers and parliamentary secretaries travelled overseas; (b) where did they travel; and (c) what was the duration of this travel.

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 615-650)—

- (1) How many departmental officers are working in the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
- (2) How many of these staff are Departmental Liaison Officers.
- (3) How many departmental officers, on secondment from the department, are in the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary in personal staff positions.

616 Minister representing the Minister for Education

617 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

618 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

620 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

621 Special Minister of State

622 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

623 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

627 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

628 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

629 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

631 Minister for Climate Change and Water

639 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer

640 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer on 12 March 2008*)

641 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs

644 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

649 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 651-686)—

- (1) Did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary within the Minister's portfolio attend any event at the Beijing Olympic Games; if so, which events did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary attend.

- (2) Was the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary accompanied by: (a) family; (b) personal staff; and (c) departmental officials; if so, how many.
- (3) Did any officials from the department attend the Beijing Olympic Games in their capacity as an employee of the Australian Government; if so, how many and in what capacity did they attend.
- (4) In regard to the attendance by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or departmental officials at the Beijing Olympic Games, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.

658 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

659 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

669 Minister representing the Attorney-General

674 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 687-722)—Did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary within the Minister's portfolio travel overseas during July or August 2008; if so:

- (1) Where did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travel.
- (2) What was the duration of the travel.
- (3) What was the purpose of the travel.
- (4) For each country visited, what was the total cost to the taxpayer of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (5) How many personal staff accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
- (6) How many family members accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.
- (7) In regard to staff and family accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, what was the total cost of: (a) travel; (b) accommodation; and (c) any other expenses.
- (8) (a) How many departmental officers accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) what was the total cost of their: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

687 Minister representing the Prime Minister

688 Minister representing the Minister for Education

689 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

690 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

691 Minister representing the Treasurer

693 Special Minister of State

699 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

700 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

703 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

705 Minister representing the Attorney-General

707 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

708 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

709 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

- 710 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 716 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)
- 719 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 721 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 27 August 2008*)

*Notice given 25 September 2008*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 746-748)—With reference to the department and all agencies in the Minister's portfolio:

- (1) How many contracts has the department or agency engaged in for the provision of media services since November 2007.
  - (2) What was the total cost of these contracts.
  - (3) What work have the contractors engaged in specifically or what work do they expect to undertake.
  - (4) Was the contractor selected by tender; if so, was the tender select or open; if not, why not.
- 747 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 3 December 2008; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 11 February 2009*)

*Notice given 11 November 2008*

- 784 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—In regard to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Vehicle Conversion Scheme: Has any request been made to the Minister or the department to re-phase the scheme's funding from the forward estimates period to the 2008-09 financial year; if so: (a) on what date was the request made; (b) how much was requested to be brought forward; and (c) has a response been finalised; if so: (i) when was the response finalised, and (ii) was the re-phasing approved.
- 796 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the vacancy on the Prime Minister's Science and Engineering Innovation Council as at February 2008: has that position been filled; if so, by whom and on what basis/consideration.
- Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 800-801)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister:
- (1) (a) In the period 1 April to 30 September 2008, what discussions or meetings were conducted regarding the Government's 'Razor Gang Mk II'; and (b) has the razor gang indicated any cuts or savings to be made by the department or agency.
  - (2) (a) What special accounts does the agency currently hold; (b) as at 30 September 2008, how much is in these accounts; (c) does the agency use the interest from these accounts to fund ongoing operations; and (d) has the razor gang given any indication about the future of these accounts.
- 800 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 801 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 20 November 2008*)

*Notice given 24 November 2008*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 876-881)—In regard to the Minister's administered portfolio area, for the 2008 calendar year, can lists be provided for: (a) the top 5 program overspends and their costs; and (b) the top 5 program underspends and their costs.

876 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

880 Minister for Human Services

881 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 5 February 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 882-897)—For the 2008 calendar year, can lists be provided for: (a) the department's top 5 program overspends and their costs; and (b) the department's top 5 program underspends and their costs.

884 Minister representing the Treasurer

887 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

888 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

892 Minister representing the Attorney-General

897 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 19 January 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 898-920)—What is the aggregate amount spent by the department on media monitoring during the 2008 calendar year.

898 Minister representing the Minister for Education

899 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

905 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

906 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

908 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

909 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

911 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

913 Minister representing the Attorney-General

919 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)

920 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 921-943)—For the 2008 calendar year, can details be provided of the start date, duration, cost and nature (direct source or open source) of tender for each individual consultancy contract with the department dealing with: (a) media relations; (b) public relations; (c) public events management; (d) communications; and (e) communications strategy.

921 Minister representing the Minister for Education

- 922 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 924 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 928 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 931 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 932 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 933 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 934 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 935 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 936 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 938 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 942 Minister representing the Minister for Youth
- 943 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 944-966)—

- (1) Can details be provided, as of 24 November 2008, of the total number of all staff in:
  - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
  - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (2) Can details be provided of the aggregate salary and superannuation costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:
  - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
  - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (3) Can details be provided of the aggregate travel costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:
  - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
  - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.
- (4) Can details be provided of the aggregate mobile phone costs during the 2008 calendar year for all staff in:
  - (a) the Minister's office whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy; and
  - (b) the department whose job description involves: (i) media relations, (ii) media advice, (iii) public relations, (iv) public affairs, (v) communications, and (vi) communications strategy.

- (5) Can a breakdown be provided of every review, inquiry and committee which is being conducted in the department that has been announced since 1 December 2007.
- (6) (a) How many of the department's reviews, inquiries and committees are in progress or incomplete as of 24 November 2008; and (b) what are their reporting dates.
- (7) In regard to each of the department's review, inquiry and committee (completed and incomplete as of 24 November 2008) that has or is being conducted during the 2008 calendar year: (a) what is the number of departmental staff allocated to each; (b) what is the aggregate number of departmental staff allocated to all; (c) were external consultants engaged to assist in any; if so, which consultants and how much has each consultancy cost (please itemise for each); and (d) what have been the travel costs associated with those staff involved in each (please itemise for each).
- (8) For the 2008 calendar year, what is the total cost of each departmental review, inquiry and committee, including staff wages, consultancy costs, travel and any other associated expenditure (please itemise for each).

944 Minister representing the Minister for Education

945 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

946 Minister representing the Treasurer

947 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

949 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

951 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

952 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

953 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

954 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

955 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

956 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

957 Minister for Climate Change and Water

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

959 Minister representing the Attorney-General

960 Minister for Human Services

961 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

962 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

963 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism

964 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

965 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)

966 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)



*Notice given 25 November 2008*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 970-1003)—

- (1) How many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to departmental and agency staff within the Minister's portfolio.
- (2) How many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to departmental and agency staff that fall within the responsibility of the Minister's associated Parliamentary Secretary or Secretaries.
- (3) Within the Minister's portfolio, how many Commonwealth credit cards have been issued to: (a) staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*; (b) the Minister; and (c) the Minister's associated Parliamentary Secretary or Secretaries.
- (4) For each Commonwealth credit card issued in (3) above, what was the date of its issue.

*(In substitution for question published in Notice Paper of 26 November 2008.)*

974 Minister representing the Treasurer

980 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

992 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)

993 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)

1000 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 10 December 2008*)

1001 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

1003 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1004-1037)—Has the Minister or any associated Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on parliamentary or ministerial business since 25 November 2007; if so, for each trip:

- (1) What was the purpose.
- (2) How many nights were spent overseas.
- (3) What were the dates and venues.
- (4) How many meetings did the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary attend.
- (5) How many departmental and/or personal ministerial staff accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.
- (6) What was the aggregate cost.
- (7) Can an itemised account be provided of the costs for the following: (a) transportation; (b) travel allowance; (c) accommodation; (d) meals; and (e) other expenses, paid for by the Commonwealth in relation to the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and their staff.

1005 Minister representing the Minister for Education

1006 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1007 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

1008 Minister representing the Treasurer

1009 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

- 1011 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1012 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1014 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1015 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1017 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1018 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1019 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1021 Minister for Human Services
- 1022 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1023 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1024 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1026 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer
- 1027 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer on 13 March 2009*)
- 1029 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1030 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1031 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1033 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1034 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law
- 1035 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)
- 1036 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1037 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

*Notice given 27 November 2008*

- 1041 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet publication, *Australian Government: One Year Progress Report*, dated November 2008:
  - (1) How much funding has the Government allocated to compile, produce, publish and distribute this publication.
  - (2) Which Government departments and agencies were involved in the compilation, drafting, production, printing and distribution of this publication.
  - (3) How many departmental staff were involved in the compilation, drafting, production, printing and distribution of this publication.
  - (4) How many departmental staff hours were expended in the compilation, drafting, production printing and distribution of this publication.

- (5) (a) How many hard copies of this publication have been produced; and (b) have these, or will these, publications be direct mailed or sent through unaddressed mail.
- (6) How much has been budgeted towards distribution costs for this publication.
- (7) Were any external consultants required to help produce this publication; if so, for each consultant: (a) who was the consultant; (b) what did the consultancy cost; and (c) can an itemised list of the expenditures of the contract be provided.
- (8) Was this publication, or elements of it, focus group tested; if so, how much did that research cost taxpayers.
- (9) How many soft copies, or a weblink to this publication, have been distributed electronically.
- (10) Have soft or electronic copies of this publication been distributed through the databases acquired from third party organisations or websites, including GetUp! and trade unions.

*Notice given 1 December 2008*

- 1045 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 27 January 2009*)—(a) How much of the funding offered by the Prime Minister at the Council of Australian Governments was already incorporated in the contingency reserve inherited from the Howard Government in December 2007; and (b) how much of the funding was new money.

*Notice given 3 December 2008*

- 1050 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—
- (1) How much money has been returned following underspends in programs in each portfolio for the 2007-08 financial year.
  - (2) How much depreciation funding has been used for recurrent spending by departments or agencies from December 2007 to June 2008.
  - (3) (a) How many policy proposals were costed by the Budget Group of the department for the 2008-09 Budget; and (b) what was the average length of time that was spent by officers in the Budget Group on costing each policy proposal for the 2008-09 Budget.
  - (4) How much ‘time off in lieu’ was accrued by staff in the Budget Group of the department from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2008.
  - (5) How much non-taxation revenue was collected from outside the general government sector in the 2007-08 financial year and then subsequently spent by departments or agencies under section 31 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*.
- 1051 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—
- (1) Are departments and agencies required to seek the approval of the Minister to budget for an operating loss; if so: (a) which agencies did the Minister approve to budget for an operating loss for the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) for each agency, what was the reason for each operating loss.

- (2) Has the Minister given approval for any agencies to budget for an operating loss for the 2008-09 financial year; if so, what was the reason for each of these agencies needing to budget for an operating loss.
- (3) Did the Minister receive any requests for approval to budget for an operating loss that were not approved; if so, what were the reasons for these requests not being approved.
- (4) Which departments or agencies had an operating loss in the 2007-08 financial year had not received approval to budget for an operating loss from the Minister.
- (5) How many departments or agencies had an operating loss in the 2007-08 financial year and had requested approval to budget for an operating loss which was not approved by the Minister.

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1052-1087)—

- (1) Given that spending on individual programs is not reported in either the budget papers or annual reports, did any programs in the Minister's portfolio:
  - (a) have underspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, for each underspend: (i) in what program did it fall, (ii) how much was the underspend, and (iii) what was the reason for the underspend; and
  - (b) have overspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, for each overspend: (i) in what program did it fall, (ii) how much was the overspend, and (iii) what was the reason for the overspend.
- (2) Will any agencies and/or departments in the Minister's portfolio return money in the 2008-09 Budget as a result of underspends for the 2007-08 financial year; if so, how much.

1052 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1053 Minister representing the Minister for Education

1054 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 18 March 2009*)

1055 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 18 March 2009*)

1056 Minister representing the Treasurer

1057 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

1058 Special Minister of State

1061 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1062 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1063 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

1064 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

1068 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1069 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1070 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1071 Minister for Human Services

1072 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

1073 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

- 1074 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1075 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1076 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1077 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1078 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1079 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1080 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1081 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1082 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 4 December 2008*)
- 1084 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1085 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
- 1086 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 9 December 2008*)
- 1087 Minister representing the Minister for Sport

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1088-1123)—

- (1) (a) For the period 1 December 2007 to 30 June 2008, what funds has the Government committed to spend under regulation 10 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (the Act) for each department and/or agency that operates under the Act in the Minister's portfolio; and (b) how much of this commitment was approved: (i) at the department or agency level, and (ii) by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.
- (2) How much depreciation funding for each department or agency in the Minister's portfolio: (a) was available as at 30 June 2008; (b) was spent in the 2007-08 financial year; and (c) was spent in the 2007-08 financial year to directly replace assets for which it was appropriated.

- 1088 Minister representing the Prime Minister
- 1092 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1094 Special Minister of State
- 1100 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1106 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1107 Minister for Human Services
- 1108 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1109 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1110 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1111 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1112 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)
- 1113 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)

1120 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 6 January 2009*)

*Notice given 4 December 2008*

1164 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—

- (1) Is the department refusing to process applications for accreditation under the Greenhouse Friendly initiative pending proposed changes to regulatory approval in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) White Paper; if so, what is the rationale for this position.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that some companies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars complying with the department's onerous requirements including independent auditing and third party reviews in order to achieve accreditation under the existing scheme.
- (3) Does the Minister believe that notwithstanding any new regulatory scheme that may be adopted under the new CPRS that companies that have already completed their accreditation application under the Greenhouse Friendly scheme should be allowed to have their applications determined.
- (4) Will the Minister instruct the department to immediately determine any completed applications that they are currently holding under the Greenhouse Friendly initiative; if not, why not.
- (5) Will companies that already have Greenhouse Friendly accreditation be given preferential treatment when it comes to accreditation under the new CPRS; if so, will this treatment also apply to companies that have completed and lodged their applications for Greenhouse Friendly accreditation prior to the commencement of the CPRS.

1165 **Senator Bushby:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In regard to the Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008 (the bill) which was introduced in the House of Representatives on 20 March 2008 and passed in the Senate with amendments on 23 June 2008: (a) Why has the Government not debated these amendments in the House of Representatives; and (b) when will the Senate's amendments to the bill be considered.
- (2) Does the Government plan to continue debate on the bill or is it to be withdrawn.
- (3) (a) What is the process for removing the Governor or Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia for misbehaviour under the *Reserve Bank Act 1959* (the Act); and (b) what are the differences in comparison to the process outlined in the Senate's amendments to the bill.
- (4) Is it possible that under the Act, a Governor who is 'not of good behaviour', for example one involved in embezzlement, could remain in office as Governor for more than a year even with a conviction for embezzlement recorded against him or her.

1166 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) (a) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by bottle and quantity, of the wine kept at Kirribilli House, including wine maker, vintage, blend; and (b) what is the total value of that wine.
- (2) (a) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by bottle and quantity, of the wine kept at the Lodge, including wine maker, vintage, blend; and (b) what is the total value of that wine.

- (3) As at 4 December 2008, can an itemised list be provided, by brand and quantity, of the alcoholic spirits, including make and full description, kept at:
  - (a) Kirribilli House; and
  - (b) the Lodge.
- (4) Can an itemised list be provided of the wine, including quantities, wine maker, vintage and blend, which has been purchased between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 for use at:
  - (a) Kirribilli House, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made; and
  - (b) the Lodge, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made.
- (5) Can an itemised list be provided of the alcoholic spirits, including brand and quantity, which has been purchased between 1 December 2007 and 1 December 2008 for use at:
  - (a) Kirribilli House, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made; and
  - (b) the Lodge, including: (i) the total cost for those purchases, and (ii) the dates those purchases were made.
- (6) What was the total amount expended on truffles, caviar, chocolate and cheese between 1 December 2007 and 2 December 2008 at:
  - (a) Kirribilli House; and
  - (b) the Lodge.

*Notice given 16 December 2008*

- 1171 **Senator Siewert:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to interactions between the representatives of tobacco companies and the Rudd Government: Have any ministers or ministerial staff met with representatives of tobacco companies; if so: (a) which ministers or the staff of which ministers have taken part in such meetings; (b) what was the purpose of the meetings; and (c) on what dates did these meetings take place.

*Notice given 17 December 2008*

- 1184 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—How many aged care facilities have been identified as having some non-compliance in respect of the 44 accreditation standards for each of the following financial years: (a) 1998-99; (b) 1999-2000; (c) 2000-01; (d) 2001-02; (e) 2002-03; (f) 2003-04; (g) 2004-05; (h) 2005-06; and (i) 2006-07.
- 1191 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Does the Government outlay the full amount that it budgets each year on aged care.
  - (2) (a) Did the Government budget to spend \$6.7 billion on aged care in the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) did the Government actually spend that amount or was it less as the income tested fee deductions were greater than budgeted for.

*Notice given 9 January 2009*

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1213-1214)—

- (1) How much tax revenue has been collected since the implementation of the increase in the excise on alcopops on 27 April 2008.
- (2) Given that table 2 (Australian Government general government sector revenue) of the *Final budget outcome 2007-08* includes a line-item under the heading 'Customs duty' headed 'Excise-like goods' which included potable spirits, and given that the majority of potable spirits sold in Australia are imported and therefore pay customs duty rather than excise duty, what proportion of the \$2.4 billion in customs duty collected on excise-like goods is attributable to imported potable spirits.
- (3) Given that table 2 of the *Final budget outcome 2007-08* lists for the 'Excise-like goods' a change on the 2008-09 Budget of +\$41 million, what proportion of this figure is attributable to the underestimation of sales of potable spirits by the Department of the Treasury when completing the 2008-09 Budget estimates.
- (4) In regard to the +\$5 million change on the 2008-09 Budget estimate for excise duty on potable spirits, what proportion of the positive change on the 2008-09 Budget (for both excise and customs duty on potable spirits) is attributable to the 2 months of May and June 2008.

1213 Minister representing the Treasurer

1214 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 16 January 2009*)

*Notice given 15 January 2009*

1215 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Can a breakdown be provided for the 2008-09 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), by state and territory, of the number of: (a) high care places available; (b) high care places sought; (c) low care places available; and (d) low care places sought.
- (2) Are applicants in the 2008-09 ACAR assessed on the basis of having experience in the provision of aged care services and/or the financial capacity to provide the beds they apply for.
- (3) How many of the applicants in the 2008-09 ACAR had no previous experience in providing aged care services.
- (4) Of the bed licences granted in each of the years 2003 to 2008, how many have not been: (a) built; and (b) surrendered.

1216 **Senator Fifield:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Has the Australian Broadcasting Corporation undertaken a review of the content of the 'Planet Slayer' website; if so: (a) what was the outcome of that review; (b) when will the Minister release the review; and (c) will the review be posted online for the general public to access; if not, why not.



*Notice given 16 January 2009*

- 1225 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy—With reference to question SI-12 taken on notice during the 2008-09 supplementary Budget estimates hearings of the Economics Committee:
- (1) How many staff are based in the Minister's electorate office.
  - (2) What is the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* classification of each staff member based in the electorate office.
  - (3) Can a copy of the duty statement of each staff member in the electorate office be provided.
  - (4) In regard to personal staff based in the electorate office, what is the supporting department for each.

*Notice given 20 January 2009*

- 1228 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the illegal protest in the Florentine Valley, Tasmania, by members of the Still Wild Still Threatened (SWST) group which commenced on 12 January 2009:
- (1) In regard to Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) 936 and ABC Northern Tasmania:
    - (a) (i) how many radio news items in total did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest, and for each news item, what was the date of broadcast, station, position in bulletin and its duration, and (ii) what was the cumulative time of these news items;
    - (b) how many radio interviews did the ABC hold with members of the SWST group or their spokespersons, Australian Greens politicians, Wilderness Society representatives or any other associated group regarding this protest, and for each interview can the: (i) station, (ii) program, (iii) position in bulletin, (iv) interviewer, (v) interviewee, and (vi) time for each interview, be identified; and
    - (c) how many radio interviews did the ABC hold with Forestry Tasmania or other forest industry representatives regarding this protest, and for each interview can the: (i) station, (ii) program, (iii) interviewer, (iv) interviewee, and (v) time for each interview, be identified.
  - (2) In regard to all ABC television: (a) how many television news items did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest; and (b) for each television news item, what was the date of broadcast, station and its duration.
  - (3) In regard to ABC online: (a) how many online items did the ABC broadcast concerning this protest; and (b) can a copy of each online news item be provided.
  - (4) How many journalists, cameramen, sound recordists etc. did the ABC have covering this protest story.
  - (5) (a) What was the total cost of the ABC's coverage of this protest in terms of resources committed; and (b) can an itemised list of these costs be provided.

*Notice given 2 February 2009*

**Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1232-1233)—

- (1) Between the release of the Government's green and white papers in 2008 on the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) for Australia, how many times did representatives of the Business Council of Australia or their members meet with: (a) the Minister or anyone from the Minister's office; and (b) departmental officials.
- (2) Can copies be provided of correspondence, including emails, between the Minister or anyone in the Minister's office or departmental officials and the Business Council of Australia, its representatives or members relating to the development of the CPRS between the release of the green and white papers.

1232 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 17 February 2009*)

1233 Minister for Climate Change and Water

*Notice given 4 February 2009*

**Senator Cash:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1235-1270)—Are there any Acts of Parliament within your ministerial responsibility that have only been partially proclaimed; if so, what are the unproclaimed sections and what are the reasons for not proclaiming these sections.

1235 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1236 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1237 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1238 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1239 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1240 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1241 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1242 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1243 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1244 Minister representing the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

1245 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

- 1246 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1247 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1248 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1249 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1250 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1251 Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1252 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1253 Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1254 Minister for Human Services (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1255 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1256 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1257 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1258 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1259 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1260 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1261 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1262 Minister representing the Minister for Housing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1263 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1264 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1265 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 5 February 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1266 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)

- 1267 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1268 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1269 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 5 February 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1270 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Prime Minister on 16 March 2009*)
- 1273 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law—Further to the answer to question on notice 755 (Senate *Hansard*, 3 February 2009, p. 104): (a) will the Government be checking: (i) who did the valuations on the eligible loans, and (ii) when the valuation on the eligible loans was made; and (b) if not, how will the Government ensure that valuations on the eligible loans reflect the current, and potentially future, lower-priced property market.

*Notice given 5 February 2009*

- 1274 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 557 (Senate *Hansard*, 1 September 2008, p. 4 258), the Government indicated the Gunns Limited pulp mill assessment process ‘looked closely at impacts on the Commonwealth Marine Area, which incorporates all elements of the environment, including dolphins’:
- (1) Exactly when, how and by whom was the ‘impact’ assessment (or such similar process) undertaken in relation to the impacts of the pulp mill on the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) and any other dolphin species.
  - (2) What environmental aspects and impacts (actual and potential) were identified as part of the pulp mill assessment (or such similar process) in relation to the bottlenose dolphin and any other dolphin species.
  - (3) Have any reports, studies, findings, recommendations (or such similar documentation) been produced in relation to the impact assessment (or such similar process) of the pulp mill on the bottlenose dolphin and any other dolphin species; if so: (a) can a copy of all such documentation be provided; and (b) if a copy of all such documentation cannot be provided, why not.
- Senator Mason:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1275-1282)—With reference to the Government’s funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.
- 1275 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1276 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1277 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1278 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1279 Minister representing the Attorney-General

- 1282 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1283 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Government's funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department's Employment and Workplace Relations Branch; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.
- 1285 **Senator Mason:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—With reference to the Government's funding of organisations and projects between 3 December 2007 and 20 January 2009: (a) which organisations and projects within the Moncrieff electorate received funding from the department's Education Branch; (b) how much funding did each organisation or project receive; and (c) for what purpose was each funding commitment made.

*Notice given 6 February 2009*

- 1291 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) Can a list be provided of non-government schools in New South Wales that received Country Areas Programme (CAP) funding for the following years: (a) 2005; (b) 2006; (c) 2007; and (d) 2008.
  - (2) What are the eligibility criteria for CAP funding for non-government schools.

*Notice given 10 February 2009*

- 1292 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the *Australian Regulatory Guidelines for Complementary Medicines*, which provide for 'targeted and random desk-based audits of listed medicines' by the Therapeutic Goods Administration:
- (1) (a) How are targets selected; and (b) how many medicines have been selected by targeting in each of the past 5 years.
  - (2) (a) By what means have random selections been made; (b) who conducts the randomisation process; and (c) how many medicines have been selected under this procedure in each of the past 5 years.
  - (3) (a) How many listed products have been the subject of requests for information under section 31 of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (the Act); and (b) of these, how many were delisted under each of the following processes set out in section 30 of the Act: (i) the summary process, and (ii) the show-cause process.
- 1295 **Senator Barnett:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—
- (1) Since the Government took office in November 2007: (a) how many days has a person other than the Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd, acted in the position of Prime Minister; and (b) can a breakdown be provided of: (i) who has acted in this position, (ii) on what dates did that person act in this position, (iii) what is the total number of days this person has acted in this position, and (iv) what was the reason for this person to act in this position.

- (2) In regard to the Prime Minister's travel outside of Australia since the Government took office: (a) what was: (i) the total cost for each visit, (ii) the purpose and dates of each visit, and (iii) the identities of the travelling party; and (b) can a breakdown of the travel costs, including accommodation, be provided for: (i) the travelling party, and (ii) each individual.

1296 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can a list be provided of all consultants contracted by the department in the process of preparing the modelling in the report, *Australia's low pollution future: The economics of climate change mitigation*.
- (2) How much did the department pay each of these consultants.
- (3) (a) How much did the department pay for access to the model codes and/or database of the Monash multi-regional forecasting model; and (b) was this fee the equivalent to the fee payable by anyone seeking to purchase access to these model codes and/or database on the open market: (i) in Australia, and (ii) overseas; if not, was it higher or lower.
- (4) (a) How much did the department pay for access to the model codes and/or database of the global trade and environment model; and (b) was this fee the equivalent to the fee payable by anyone seeking to purchase access to these model codes and/or database on the open market: (i) in Australia, and (ii) overseas; if not, was it higher or lower.

*Notice given 11 February 2009*

1298 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the '200 organisations [that] have come to the nation's capital today because they want to support local jobs and national jobs at a time of national and international economic emergency' mentioned in the Prime Minister's press conference of 6 February 2009:

- (1) What were the names of these organisations.
- (2) Who represented these organisations.
- (3) What project or projects did each of these organisations submit to the Government as being, to quote the Prime Minister, 'shovel-ready'.
- (4) What did each of these organisations estimate to be the cost of each project that they submitted to the Government.

*Notice given 18 February 2009*

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1300-1301)—In regard to Australian financial liability for failing to meet requirements under the terms of the Kyoto Protocol ratified by the Rudd Government in December 2007:

- (1) (a) What is the current estimated financial liability for the 2008-12 period; and (b) what specific requirements does any of this liability relate to.
- (2) (a) What is the current estimated carbon price; and (b) what is the estimated total emissions in excess of Australia's emissions target.
- (3) How is the estimated carbon price determined.
- (4) (a) When does the financial liability accrue to Australia; and (b) to whom will this liability be paid.

1300 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water on 24 February 2009*)

1301 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1302 **Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—With reference to the Commonwealth Government's whole-of-government vehicle leasing arrangements:

- (1) How many vehicles are currently leased by each department, including their portfolio agencies.
- (2) By department, how many of the vehicles in (1) above:
  - (a) are powered by Liquefied Petroleum Gas or Liquefied Natural Gas engines;
  - (b) are powered by hybrid electric-petrol engines;
  - (c) are purely petrol-driven four cylinder engines; and
  - (d) have either: (i) turbocharged engines, (ii) supercharged engines, or (iii) eight cylinder engines.
- (3) (a) What was the total cost of the Commonwealth Government's vehicle contract for the 2007-08 financial year; and (b) what amount of the total cost was for petrol.

*Notice given 24 February 2009*

1303 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—

- (1) Under what terms was Dr Geoff Mulgan contracted to the department in June 2008.
- (2) For what period of time is Dr Mulgan contracted to the department.
- (3) Are there any provisions to extend any initial contract period.
- (4) What services has Dr Mulgan provided to the department since June 2008.
- (5) What services is Dr Mulgan expected to provide over any remaining period under the contract.
- (6) What fee or remuneration is Dr Mulgan or any associated business entity being paid under his contract with the department.
- (7) Is Dr Mulgan contracted by any other Commonwealth department, agency or authority or directly by any minister or the Prime Minister; if so, what are the terms, as per (1) to (6) above, of any such contracts.
- (8) Have any additional contracts been entered into by the department with Dr Mulgan, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Tom Bentley, the Young Foundation or Demos since coming to office in November 2007; if so, what are the terms, as per (1) to (6) above, of any such contracts.

*Notice given 25 February 2009*

1304 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—With reference to the article by Mr Patrick Walters, 'Intelligence shake-up as ASIO chief Paul O'Sullivan shifts to diplomatic job', in *The Australian* of 21 February 2009:

- (1) Was the public identification of Mr Stephen Robinson as the deputy Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) authorised or consented to by the Minister or the Director-General of ASIS in accordance with section 41 of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.
- (2) If the identification of a person as the deputy Director-General of ASIS was authorised or consented to: (a) when was this done; and (b) was it made in writing.

*Notice given 26 February 2009*

- 1305 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) As at 31 December 2008: (a) how many uniformed staff are there in each of the three service areas (i.e. army, navy and air force); and (b) how many civilian staff are there in each of the service areas.
  - (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many uniformed personnel were recruited to each of the service areas.
  - (3) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) how many uniformed staff resigned from each of the service areas; and (b) how many civilian staff resigned from each of the service areas.
  - (4) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many temporary civilian positions existed, or were created, in each of the service areas.
  - (5) (a) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many civilian employees have been employed on contract; and (b) what is the average length of their employment period in each of the service areas.
- 1306 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, was there a reduction in uniformed staffing numbers as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts in the army, navy or air force; if so, where and at what level.
  - (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, was there a reduction in civilian staffing numbers as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts in the army, navy or air force; if so, where and at what level.
- 1307 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—
- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) which submarines in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) fleet were: (i) fully operational with full crew compliments, and (ii) non-operational; and (b) for each submarine that was non-operational, what was the reason for its non-operational status.
  - (2) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many fully qualified personnel were permanently employed in the RAN to operate submarines.
- 1308 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) which frigates were fully operational with full crewing commitments; (b) of those frigates that were not operational, what were the reasons for their non-operational status; (c) what were the operational strengths of the engineering officers and sailors on the frigates; and (d) what were the operational strengths of non-engineering officers and sailors on the frigates.
- Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1309-1310)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:
- (1) (a) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, what discussions or meetings were conducted regarding the Government's 'Razor Gang Mk II'; and (b) has the razor gang indicated any cuts or savings to be made by the department or agency.



- (2) (a) What special accounts does the agency currently hold; (b) as at 31 December 2008, how much is in these accounts; (c) does the agency use the interest from these accounts to fund ongoing operations; and (d) has the razor gang given any indication about the future of these accounts.

1309 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1310 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1311-1312)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how many programs were under spent.
- (2) (a) As at 31 December 2008, what requests have been made to roll-over under spends to 2008-09; and (b) were these requests successful.

1311 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1312 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1313-1314)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, how much was spent on media monitoring.
- (2) As at 31 December 2008: (a) how many staff are employed in public relations and/or the media in the department or agency; (b) what are the position levels of these staff; (c) what are the salary grades of these staff; and (d) how many of these staff are: (i) permanent, (ii) temporary, and (iii) contractors.

1313 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1314 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1315-1316)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) what communications programs were undertaken or were planned to be undertaken; and (b) what has been the total spend in each communications program.

1315 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1316 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1317-1318)—

- (1) For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008: (a) what was the department's hospitality spend; and (b) for each departmental hospitality event, can the following details be provided: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.
- (2) (a) For the office of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, what was the total hospitality spend in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008; and (b) for each hospitality event in the office, can the following details be provided: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.

1317 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1318 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1321-1322)—For the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) (a) Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travel overseas on official business; if so: (i) to what destination, (ii) for what duration, and (iii) for what purpose; and (b) what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (2) (a) Which ministerial staff accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and (b) for these staff, what was the cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (3) (a) Which departmental officers accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for these officers, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (4) (a) Apart from ministerial staff and departmental officers, who else accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on each trip; and (b) for each of these people, what was the total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.

1321 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1322 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1323-1324)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) Did the department or agency receive any advice on how to respond to freedom of information (FOI) requests.
- (2) How many FOI requests has the department or agency received.
- (3) How many FOI requests have been granted or denied.
- (4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests.

1323 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1324 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1327-1328)—In the period 1 October to 31 December 2008:

- (1) What was the cost of the travel and expenses for the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary for Community Cabinet meetings.
- (2) (a) How many ministerial staff and departmental officers travelled with the Minister for these Cabinet meetings; and (b) what was the total cost of this travel.

1327 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1328 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1329-1330)—For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary:

- (1) How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency.

- (2) What was the commencement date of each review.
- (3) When will each review be concluded.
- (4) (a) Which reviews were completed in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008; and (b) when will the Government respond to the each of these reviews.
- (5) As at 31 December 2008, what has been the cost of each of these reviews.

1329 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1330 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Johnston:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1331-1332)—

- (1) For each agency within the responsibility of the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the period 1 October to 31 December 2008, what programs or projects were cut, curtailed, postponed, delayed or terminated as part of the Government's \$10 billion 'redirection of priorities' program.
- (2) For each program affected by the 'redirection of priorities' program, how much has been re-directed to 'higher priority programs/projects'.
- (3) What 'higher priority programs/projects' have benefited from cuts or savings made in 'lower priority programs'.
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to each of these 'higher priority projects'.

1331 Minister representing the Minister for Defence

1332 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 2 March 2009*)

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1335-1357)—

- (1) How many communication campaigns were conducted by the department and/or its agencies for the 2008 calendar year.
- (2) For each of the above campaigns:
  - (a) what was the name of the campaign;
  - (b) which department had the responsibility for the campaign;
  - (c) which agencies were short-listed and which were finally selected for:
    - (i) advertising creative,
    - (ii) public relations, and
    - (iii) market research;
  - (d) did the relevant Minister or any of that Minister's personal staff take part in the decision to select the successful agency or agencies; if so, whom;
  - (e) can a breakdown be provided for:
    - (i) creative agency costs,
    - (ii) television placement costs,
    - (iii) print placement costs,
    - (iv) radio placement costs,
    - (v) mail outs, brochures and booklet costs,
    - (vi) Internet costs,
    - (vii) public relations agency costs, including additional costs for any activities undertaken by those agencies or their agents,

- (viii) market research agency costs, and
  - (ix) the total cost of the campaign; and
  - (f) what were the start and end dates for the airing of the electronic advertising components.
- 1335 Minister representing the Prime Minister (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1336 Minister representing the Minister for Education (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1337 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 2 March 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1338 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 2 March 2009; further transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1339 Minister representing the Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1340 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1341 Special Minister of State (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1342 Minister representing the Minister for Trade (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1343 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1344 Minister representing the Minister for Defence (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1345 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1346 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1347 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1348 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1349 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1350 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1351 Minister for Climate Change and Water (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)

- 1352 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1353 Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1354 Minister for Human Services (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1355 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1356 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)
- 1357 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 10 March 2009*)

*Notice given 4 March 2009*

- 1358 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) What analysis has been done by the department to verify that payments made pursuant to the Community Service Obligation (CSO) have fulfilled the objective of achieving ‘timely delivery of the full range of [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme] PBS medicines’.
  - (2) (a) What measures does the department use to assess CSO compliance; and (b) how often are these figures collected and assessed.
  - (3) Is there any variation between the various state and territories in terms of CSO compliance.
  - (4) Are any CSO wholesalers/distributors currently delivering to specific states or territories rather than distributing nationally; if so, which states or territories are not receiving the full range of PBS medicines.
- 1359 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—
- (1) When will negotiations regarding the next Community Pharmacy Agreement (CPA) commence.
  - (2) Will the next CPA be expected to deliver savings to the Government.
  - (3) Will the \$1.1 billion compensation package for pharmacists introduced as part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Reform in 2006 allow for savings to be made when negotiating the next CPA.
  - (4) Does the Government have any plans to end the \$1.50 incentive paid to pharmacists to dispense generic medicines.
  - (5) Will the \$1.50 incentive payment be incorporated into the next CPA.
- 1360 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reform which began in 2006:
- (1) What has been the net savings from the reforms to date.
  - (2) Will the Government achieve the \$580 million in savings originally projected over 4 years; if not, why not.

- (3) Of the \$1.1 billion allocated to compensate pharmacists for the reforms, how much has been spent to date.
- (4) (a) In the first round of price reductions, how many drugs will be removed from therapeutic groups; and (b) what will be the average price reduction of those drugs.

1361 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the item in the 2008-09 Budget papers ‘Responsible Economic Management – Chemotherapy Drugs – more efficient arrangements’, which is projected to save the Government \$105 million over 4 years:

- (1) How many pharmacies dispensed chemotherapy drugs covered by this item during the following financial years: (a) 2006-07; (b) 2007-08; and (c) 2008-09.
- (2) How many pharmacies dispensed chemotherapy drugs covered by this item in regional Australia during the following financial years: (a) 2006-07; (b) 2007-08; and (c) 2008-09.
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure that the dispensing of chemotherapy drugs in regional Australia is not negatively impacted by this measure.

1362 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the chartering report handed to the Minister by the Export Wheat Commission in June 2008, and noting section 5DC(9) of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* (the Act) which states ‘If a report, or a part of a report, under this section relates to a person’s affairs to a material extent, the Commission may: (a) at the person’s request; or (b) on its own initiative; give the person a copy of the report or a part of the report’: Has the Minister, the department, or Wheat Exports Australia sought or received advice as to whether growers who contributed to the export wheat pools covered by the chartering arrangements considered in the report, are entitled to receive the report pursuant to section 5DC(9) of the Act; if so, what was that advice; if not, will the Minister, as a matter of urgency, consider the question as to whether the report should be released to affected growers.

1363 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Bringing Nurses Back into the Workforce (BNBW) program:

- (1) How many of the following were employed under the BNBW program during the 2008 calendar year: (a) full-time equivalent (FTE) nurses and/or midwives in the public hospital sector; (b) FTE nurses and/or midwives in the private hospital sector; and (c) FTE nurses in the residential aged care sector.
- (2) Why was the program extended to nurses in the community sector in December 2008.
- (3) How many nurses took up the community sector positions under the program: (a) in December 2008; and (b) to date.
- (4) Why were changes made on 2 December 2008 to the \$1 000 employer bonus, removing the pro-rata payment for part-time workers.
- (5) How many part-time nurses have been recruited under the program: (a) in December 2008; and (b) to date.

- (6) If the target of 1 000 nurses into the hospital sector and 400 nurses back into the aged care sector during 2008 has not been met, does the Minister consider the program a failure.

1364 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the dispensing of medicines in remote areas under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953*:

- (1) What is the current rate per item for dispensing prescription medications.
- (2) When was that rate set.
- (3) Has the Government, at any time since 24 November 2007, agreed to a rate increase; if so: (a) what was the amount of the increase; (b) when did the Government agree to the increase; and (c) when will the increase take effect.
- (4) Has the Minister or the department considered the impact on the availability of prescription drugs in remote Australia if the rate is not increased; if so, what was the impact considered to be.

*Notice given 5 March 2009*

1365 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the hand back of the Mersey Community Hospital to state government control:

- (1) Have all Federal election commitments regarding the resourcing of Tasmania's hospitals, including the Mersey Community Hospital, been met.
- (2) Does the Minister or the department maintain any oversight or control of the Mersey Community Hospital outside the Heads of Agreement.
- (3) Were any special conditions outside the Heads of Agreement agreed to between the Federal and Tasmanian governments regarding the ongoing administration of the Mersey Community Hospital; if so, what were those conditions.
- (4) Were any additional funding commitments above those promised during the 2007 election campaign made to any parties, including the Tasmanian Government and the Mersey Community Hospital board, to achieve the transition to state government control.
- (5) Have there been any variations to the Heads of Agreement signed on 28 August 2008; if so, what.

1366 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) (a) In approving the most recent increases in private health insurance premiums, what did the Government consider to be 'the minimum necessary to meet legal requirements'; and (b) did this assume funds maintaining contribution reserves above statutory requirements; if so, to what extent.
- (2) Since 24 November 2007, has the Government made any changes to: (a) the 'minimum necessary to meet legal requirements' parameters; if so, what were they; and (b) any additional allowable contribution reserves above statutory requirements; if so, what were they.

- (3) Did the Minister or the department take into account advice from the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) that by the end of December 2008 the private health insurance industry has, on the whole, more than doubled the statutorily-required capital reserves.
- (4) Did the Minister or the department take into account that the 'Board of Medibank Private has established a capital adequacy target in excess of the prudential capital adequacy requirements to cover both investment and non-investment risks'.
- (5) Has the Minister or the Government given special approval to the board of Medibank Private to maintain a 'buffer' of approximately \$800 million above the minimum required capital reserves.
- (6) In determining the adequacy of premiums to meet solvency requirements and projected claiming, did PHIAC or the department incorporate assumptions about the participation impact of the Government's changes to Medicare Levy Surcharge thresholds in the 2009-10 financial year.
- (7) If the answer to (6) above is yes, will the Government release any such assumptions; if not, why not.

1367 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Was any formal briefing or minute to the Minister on the most recent private health insurance premium round personally signed by the secretary or a deputy secretary of the department.
- (2) Were the Minister's written queries to insurers consequent or additional to formal or informal approaches by officials of the department or the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC).
- (3) Were other funds, which were not written to by the Minister, approached by PHIAC or the department on the content of the premium applications with a view to revising premium increases downwards.
- (4) In addition to the Minister's written approaches, did the Minister or the Minister's office have conversations with the chief executives or chairmen of any health insurers about matters relating to premium applications or the general parameters of premium decisions, between their lodgement and the Government's formal notification to insurers of the outcome of the premium round.
- (5) At any time, were the Australian Health Insurance Association or the Health Insurance Restricted Membership Association of Australia approached directly by the Minister, her office or the department and encouraged to maximise restraint in their members most recent round of premium change applications.
- (6) Did the secretary and/or any deputy secretary of the department or the head of the division of that department responsible for private health insurance make personal representations to either private health insurers or the two industry associations.

1368 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) Given that the Minister's press release of 2 March 2009 indicated that the premium application deadline will be a month earlier in future to enable the Government 'to analyse and assess applications to ensure that the increases sought by insurers are necessary' and will 'allow more time for negotiations



with insurers', does this mean that the process to be followed in 2009, involving extensive personal intervention by the Minister, will become standard procedure for future years.

- (2) Was the decision to bring forward premium application deadlines by a month for future rounds made in consultation with the private health insurance industry.
- (3) (a) When will the industry be advised of the future procedures, rules and requirements for premium applications from 2010 onwards; and (b) will there be consultation with the industry before these rules and requirements are finalised.
- (4) Given the Minister's interventions in the most recent premium round, will the Minister accept personal responsibility for the full consequences of the Government's final decisions on private health insurance premiums.

1369 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—What variations to the forward estimates have been made in respect of private health insurance rebate outlays in the light of the most recent premium change process and the anticipated effects of the Medicare Levy Surcharge threshold changes.

1370 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the provision of zero interest loans to aged care providers for the construction of new facilities:

- (1) Have any providers turned down offers by the department for the loans; if so, what were the stated reasons.
- (2) What is: (a) the total number of loans, broken down by state or territory; and (b) the total value of loans.
- (3) Why has the first round of loans not been completed.

1371 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—(a) When will the next Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) commence; (b) what is the expected duration of the next ACAR; and (c) will beds that have not been taken up in last ACAR be included in the new round.

1372 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to Part 9A of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999* and associated regulations governing the provision of telephone sex services in Australia:

- (1) Does the Minister believe that the laws passed in 1999 are still achieving their stated goal of restricting phone sex services to 1900 numbers and to adults who have clearly elected in writing to access such services.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the increasing number of phone sex services advertising in major newspapers with mobile phone contact details only, rather than 1900 numbers.
- (3) Are the services advertised in breach of the current law.
- (4) Are breaches such as these investigated and prosecuted; if so, how many breaches have been prosecuted in 2008.
- (5) If phone sex services are being marketed and accessed through mobile phone numbers, how are children being stopped from accessing these services.

1373 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What was the deadline health insurers had to lodge their premium applications for the most recent premium change process.
- (2) Subsequent to this date, on what date/dates did: (a) the Private Health Insurance Administration Council complete passing recommendations to the department on insurers' premium applications; (b) the department formally advise the Minister of the details of these applications, and the department's views on any or all of them; (c) the Minister request the department to prepare letters for the Minister's signature to insurers whose applications the Minister wishes to query; (d) the Minister write personally to the 17 funds whose applications the Minister is known to have queried; (e) the last response to these formal queries arrive from an insurer; and (f) the Minister's final sign-off on the next premium round.

1374 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs—With reference to full-time equivalent (FTE) positions within the Australian Crime Commission (ACC):

- (1) What was the budgeted FTE allocation of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (2) What was the actual staffing level, including officers seconded from state and territory agencies, of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (3) How many sworn officers, not including officers seconded from state and territory agencies, were employed by the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (4) How many officers seconded from state and territory agencies were employed by the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, on the following dates: (a) 23 November 2007; (b) 23 November 2008; and (c) 1 March 2009.
- (5) How many redundancies have there been among sworn officers of the ACC, broken down by job category and state/territory, for the following periods: (a) the 2006-07 financial year; (b) the 2007-08 financial year; and (c) 1 July 2008 to 1 March 2009.
- (6) How many redundancies are planned from 2 March to 30 June 2009, broken down by job category and state/territory.

1375 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission:

- (1) Have any external consultants been commissioned to support the commission's work; if so, for each consultancy: (a) who was the consultant; (b) what was the project title; and (c) what was the cost.
- (2) Since the commission commenced, have any departmental officers travelled to any overseas destination to find out more about local health financing and/or social insurance arrangements, or any other matter under consideration by the commission; if so: (a) who undertook the travel; (b) to where did they travel; and (c) what subjects were under consideration.

- (3) Has the commission, out of its own budget, undertaken overseas travel to look at international developments; if so: (a) who undertook the travel; (b) to where did they travel; and (c) what subjects were under consideration.

1376 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—In regard to the provision of ‘gastro kits’ to every aged care provider in Australia by the Minister in November 2008:

- (1) How many aged care providers have designated gastro-coordinators following the provision of the ‘gastro kits’.
- (2) Does the department record the number of gastro outbreaks in aged care facilities; if so, can a breakdown be provided on incidents of gastro in aged care facilities per month since January 2008.

1377 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the Government or the department undertaken any opinion polling, focus groups or other market research in relation to the possible Federal takeover of public hospitals; if so: (a) who conducted the research; (b) how much did it cost; and (c) what were the results.

1378 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Is the Minister satisfied with the audited financial accounts currently provided by aged care industry participants.
- (2) What steps has the department taken to ensure audited financial accounts prepared by participants in the aged care industry are provided in such a manner as to allow for the development of benchmarks and standards in the industry.

*Notice given 10 March 2009*

1379 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs on 12 March 2009*)—

- (1) Can the Attorney-General confirm that the Australian Federal Police plan to construct two new buildings at the Australian Institute of Police Management on the Sydney Harbour foreshore at Spring Cove; if so, can details be provided regarding the functions of these new buildings.
- (2) Can the Attorney-General confirm whether environmental impact studies were undertaken regarding this development on an environmental sensitive site which is home to an endangered colony of little penguins and the internationally-recognised site of first contact between Europeans and Indigenous Australians.

*Notice given 11 March 2009*

1380 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) Given that the department’s 2008-09 Portfolio Budget Statement indicates that ‘Subject to regulatory approvals, ANSTO [Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation] expects to complete commissioning of the OPAL [Open Pool Australian Lightwater] research reactor during the 2008-09 financial year’, is this commissioning still part of the contract for the Argentinean company, INVAP.

- (2) In 2002, when INVAP was contracted to design, construct and commission the OPAL reactor it was deemed financially viable, however, given the global economic crisis, has INVAP's financial viability been recently investigated to ascertain INVAP's capacity to pay any major claims; if so, is the Minister satisfied that INVAP is financially viable and able to pay the damages sought by the Government.
- (3) What is the extent of the current claims being made on INVAP.
- (4) (a) What court proceedings have occurred since 2002 in regard to the ANSTO/INVAP contract; and (b) what impacts have these court proceedings had on current negotiations with INVAP on completion of commissioning and performance demonstrations.
- (5) (a) Which department currently approves claims from ANSTO/INVAP for the OPAL project; and (b) who in the department signs off on those payments.
- (6) Can details be provided of the claims in regard to extras or variations claimed over and above the original lump sum for the contract.
- (7) Given that the original tender would have a schedule of costs associated with each major phase and component of the project, and that negotiations are currently in progress regarding extra items: (a) what were the original cost estimates for the OPAL project; and (b) who prepared these estimates.
- (8) Were the costs of supply of spare parts from INVAP (CN129849 valued at \$1 140 357 for the period 2008-11) included in any estimates for completion of the OPAL project.
- (9) What are the costs of managing this supply contract, including any overseas inspection requirements.
- (10) What quality assurance provisions have been included in the contract for the spare parts to ensure that components provided by INVAP are safe and conform to all technical requirements.
- (11) What contingency provisions have ANSTO made for the inability of INVAP to provide conforming components.
- (12) Is ANSTO still considering building a treatment plant for the heavy water to mitigate the problems caused by the seepage.
- (13) Was this covered in the original estimate for the reactor facility or is it to be covered in defects claims from INVAP.
- (14) Were the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency's (ARPANSA's) costs for consulting and visits to Egypt, Argentina and France taken into account in the estimates for the reactor facility construction.
- (15) Has a cost benefit analysis been carried out based on the current cost of the reactor facility; if so, what were the results.
- (16) How much is the OPAL project contributing to ANSTO's annual loss.
- (17) In the construction of the reactor pool liner, were the welds connecting the wall of the reactor pool liner to the reactor base radiographed or were they tested using ultrasound.
- (18) Why was porosity of the welds, that are now leaking, not picked up by testing and the quality assurance system.
- (19) What risk is there of further leaking in other vessels.

- (20) Why was it not until commissioning that the porosity in the welds was discovered.
- (21) (a) Has ANSTO examined the documents and test certificates for the leaking welds; and (b) do these documents indicate non-conformance.
- (22) Are the current negotiations for compensation and defects liability being held with the John Holland Evans Deakin Joint Venture (JHEDI) alliance or just with INVAP.
- (23) What are the contractual relationships between ANSTO and JHEDI.
- (24) Was the fabrication company DME Engineering Services Pty Ltd that made the non-conformances nominated in the tender, or were they chosen internally by JHEDI after the award of the main contract
- (25) (a) How long is the defects liability period for INVAP; and (b) what occurs at the end of the defects liability period if there are further leaks.
- (26) Are there liquidated damages opportunities in the INVAP/ANSTO contract for compensation resulting from errors and delays.
- (27) How confident is ANSTO that vessels and other components which were fabricated in Argentina away from Australian inspectors, comply with the required Australian standards and are not a safety risk.
- (28) Are the staff supervising the ongoing repair work of INVAP qualified in fabrication inspection; if so, can details be provided of the number and qualifications of these staff.
- (29) Given that some of the assumptions in the original safety reviews have shown to be incorrect, and the vessel may not have the engineering integrity assumed in the original assessment, has a further safety assessment or risk analysis been undertaken.
- (30) What magnitude of earthquake events was the reactor designed to tolerate.
- (31) Has the patched and leaking vessel been reassessed for integrity under earthquakes of these magnitudes.
- (32) Has ANSTO re-evaluated the reactor's ability to tolerate earthquake events given the issues arising from the patched and leaking reactor vessel.
- (33) Given that the risk analysis informing the reference accident assumed a 'high quality design' can no longer be guaranteed as several basic errors have occurred, is the reference accident based on a certain level of engineering integrity of the facility still considered valid.
- (34) Was the independent peer review of the *Preliminary Safety Analysis Report* recommended by Environment Australia undertaken; if so: (a) which organisation conducted the review; (b) did the review pick up the design errors; (c) what were the recommendations of the review; and (d) will the Minister table a copy of this review.
- (35) Given that the construction license process and negotiations with ARPANSA were not complete until after the award of the contract, were the license requirements imposed on ANSTO by ARPANSA fully reflected in the contract documents for the vendors, fabricators, construction contractors and subcontractors.
- (36) How long has the occupational health and safety unit at ANSTO been in operation and what are the current competencies of staff in relation to safety standards.

- (37) Given that the Welding Technology Institute of Australia's (WTIA's) review of the ANSTO strategy for the repairs commented that 'in qualifying the weld procedure used for welding the 6mm wall to 12mm base plate, test coupons had not used plate of sufficient thickness', did the recommended re-qualification of the weld procedure occur.
- (38) Has WTIA been asked to further review the welds.
- (39) Given that the non-standard engineering drawings provided by INVAP to the liner fabricators was a non-conformance: (a) was the drawing that did not comply with Australian practice recorded as a non-conformance; and (b) were subsequent drawings and documents checked for compliance with Australian practice.
- (40) As a result of the non-conformances it would appear that ARPANSA has taken on a far more detailed supervisory role than would be expected of a high level licence approval authority, what are the costs for ARPANSA's work on this project.
- (41) Given that repeated reference is made to a final safety analysis report (FSAR), what is the status of the FSAR.
- (42) Given that a Deed of Indemnity exists between the Commonwealth Government and ANSTO under which the Government has formally agreed to indemnify ANSTO and ANSTO officers from any loss or liability arising from claims caused by ionising radiation, who is ultimately responsible in the event of accidental radiation exposure to the public.

1381 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Has the Minister or the department been contacted by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) concerning the Gold Ridge mine in the Solomon Islands and the Australian Solomons Gold Limited (ASG) syndicate; if so, has EFIC asked for assistance in determining whether it should provide political risk insurance to ASG.
- (2) Has the Minister provided directions or advice to EFIC about the Gold Ridge mine in the Solomon Islands; if so, what is the nature of the advice.
- (3) Is the Minister concerned that ASG's 2005 bankable feasibility study for the Gold Ridge mine, and supported by political risk insurance from EFIC, was significantly deficient when the Commonwealth's secretariat benchmarked it against the performance standards and equator principles of the International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- (4) Why did EFIC not make the production and publication of action plans relating to the eight IFC performance standards a condition or covenant of the political risk insurance for the bankable feasibility study for the Gold Ridge mine.

1382 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Is the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) required under section 516A(6) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to report on how activities accord with the principles of ecologically sustainable development; if so, has EFIC's 2007-08 annual report complied with that section.

- (2) Has EFIC adopted the 'Ecologically Sustainable Development reporting guidelines' produced by Environment Australia in 2003; if not: (a) why not; and (b) what measures will the Minister take to ensure the adoption of the reporting guidelines, for example, will the Minister consider requesting that the Auditor-General conduct a performance audit of EFIC's reporting from 2001 to 2008.

1383 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) Can a category A or B project supported by the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) impact upon a matter of national environmental significance in Australia; if so, on what basis are decisions made by EFIC not considered actions under section 524 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*.
- (2) For each financial year since 2002, how many tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent are attributable to category A and B projects supported by EFIC.
- (3) For each financial year since 2002, how many hectares of medium to high conservation value vegetation and ecological communities have been cleared by category A and B projects supported by EFIC.
- (4) For each financial year since 2002, how many tonnes of PM2.5, PM10, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO have been emitted by category A and B projects supported by EFIC.

1384 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Trade—

- (1) How many product/contract covenants has the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) entered into for category A and B projects since 2001.
- (2) How is compliance with contract covenants monitored by EFIC.
- (3) How many instances of covenant breaches or non-compliance has EFIC dealt with since the introduction of its environment policy in 2000.

1385 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

- (1) Is the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) aware of a report/brief about Mr Mamdouh Habib prepared by Mr Abbas Abou Abdallah, an Ethnic Community Liaison Officer attached to Bankstown police, dated 20 June 2001; if so, was this document provided by the New South Wales Police Service Protective Security Group and if it was, when.
- (2) Was this document used by ASIO or other federal government agencies in considerations as to whether Mr Habib was a national security threat.
- (3) Was this document used by ASIO or other federal government agencies in Mr Habib's court actions, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal hearing to have his passport returned or the Federal Court proceedings for compensation.
- (4) Was this document supplied to a court, a magistrate, a judge or a Justice of the Peace at any time.
- (5) Was this document or any part of it sent to the intelligence/security agencies of any other country.
- (6) Has ASIO used this document at any time in support of applications for a telephone intercept or a search warrant regarding Mr Habib.
- (7) Is ASIO still monitoring Mr Habib.

- (8) Did ASIO have a representative in Egypt at any time while Mr Habib was in Egypt; if so, did that representative have any dealings whatsoever with the Central Intelligence Agency or Egyptian authorities in Egypt concerning Mr Habib.

1386 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) What was the rationale behind having the Special Forces pay groups and pay grade placements (Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal [DFRT] Determination No. 2 of 2008) being aligned against a new trade-based model.
- (2) (a) Who signed off and approved this new model prior to it being submitted to the DFRT; and (b) when did this happen.
- (3) Why were additional courses, previously unmentioned from the qualification standards to meet Employment Category Number (ECN) 353 SASR [Special Air Service Regiment] Trooper in previous trade models, included.
- (4) Why was the decision made to not have any non-determent clause or non-reduction period added into the determination to allow those members who were previously qualified as ECN 353 under previous trade models to be accounted for as qualified in this new trade model.
- (5) Who determined and on what basis was a recommendation made that gave SASR officers and primary ECN 353 SASR Operators waivers for the courses which were added to the trade model and which deemed them as compliant and proficient on PMKeyS.
- (6) Why were beret qualified support staff not given the same treatment, which has resulted in this current situation.

1387 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) (a) Who directed the 10 per cent audit of Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) personnel's pay and conditions in 2008; (b) when was this directive given; (c) when did this directive come into effect; (d) how many of the audited SASR personnel were affected by this action; (e) how and when were the personnel that were adversely affected by this audit, informed of their debt; and (f) what was the amount for each debit notice that was raised against each of the audited SASR personnel.
- (2) (a) Who directed that this audit be increased to 100 per cent; (b) when was this decision made to conduct this audit; (b) when did this decision come into effect; (c) how many of the audited SASR personnel were affected by this action; (d) how and when were the personnel adversely affected by this audit, informed of their debt; (e) what was the amount for each debit notice that was raised against each of the audited SASR personnel; and (f) did this audit adversely affect any primary ECN 353 SASR troopers; if not, why not.

1388 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the Government's election commitment to deliver a Medicare office in Belmont, Western Australia: (a) when will the election commitment be met; and (b) what steps have been taken to meet this commitment.



1389 **Senator Milne:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) With reference to Richmond Bridge in Tasmania and given that the draft conservation management plan for this bridge was written in 1997 and has remained in draft form since that time, will the Commonwealth Government ensure that an up-to-date structural analysis of the bridge is undertaken prior to development and approval of a final conservation management plan.
- (2) Taking into consideration that the bridge has been listed on the National Heritage List since November 2005, will the Minister insist that both the state and Commonwealth governments agree to complete a final conservation management plan for the bridge within a specified time frame, prior to November 2009, which marks the 4 year anniversary of national listing; if not, why not.
- (3) If the Tasmanian Government continues to delay the undertaking of a structural analysis of the bridge and/or refuses to contribute or obfuscate in the development of a final as opposed to a draft conservation management plan, will the Commonwealth Government consider taking over the responsibility for the management of the bridge; if not why not; if so, what would be the process.
- (4) (a) Is the Minister aware that in respect to the current draft conservation management plan, the Australian Heritage Commission determined that the 25 tonne limit be retained on the bridge with the commission expressing concern that this limit may actually be stressing the bridge unnecessarily and therefore constituting an activity that is already having a significant impact on the bridge; and (b) what immediate action, if any, is the Commonwealth Government prepared to take to address such current usage management issues.

1390 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in December 2008 the *Bangkok Post* reported that 300 animals at the Chiang Mai Night Safari zoo have died in the past 2 years.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm whether this is the same zoo that was involved in the Federal government agreement to export native animals to Thailand in exchange for the import of Asian elephants to Taronga zoo.
- (3) Has the Minister investigated if any of the animals that died included Australian native animals recently sent to the Chiang Mai Night Safari zoo.
- (4) (a) How many Australian native animals were sent to Chiang Mai Night Safari zoo; and (b) is the Minister aware of: (i) the conditions under which these animals are kept, and (ii) their current state of health; if so, will the Minister publicly release details on the state of these native animals.

*Notice given 12 March 2009*

**Senator Ronaldson:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1391-1426)—For the 2008 calendar year, can details be provided of the start date, duration and nature (direct source or open source) of tender for each contract for external speechwriting services entered into by the department.

1391 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1392 Minister representing the Minister for Education

- 1393 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1394 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
- 1395 Minister representing the Treasurer
- 1396 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- 1397 Special Minister of State
- 1398 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
- 1399 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1400 Minister representing the Minister for Defence
- 1401 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
- 1402 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- 1403 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
- 1404 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 1405 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
- 1406 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- 1407 Minister for Climate Change and Water
- 1408 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
- 1409 Minister representing the Attorney-General
- 1410 Minister for Human Services
- 1411 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 1412 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
- 1413 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
- 1414 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
- 1415 Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 17 March 2009*)
- 1416 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 17 March 2009*)
- 1417 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- 1418 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
- 1419 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
- 1420 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation
- 1421 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Defence on 13 March 2009*)
- 1422 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
- 1423 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (*transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 17 March 2009*)
- 1424 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)
- 1425 Minister representing the Minister for Youth
- 1426 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 13 March 2009*)

**Senator Abetz:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1427-1431)—

- (1) On what date did the Minister first become aware that Pacific Brands were considering reducing employment levels in Australia and/or closing any or all of their Australian clothing manufacturing facilities.
- (2) Since 1 December 2008, what discussions has the Minister, the Minister's office or the department had with Pacific Brands' chairman, board members, employees or any form of company representative regarding Pacific Brands' future operations in Australia; if any, for each instance, please identify: (a) by whom; (b) with whom; and (c) on what date.

1427 Minister representing the Prime Minister

1428 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1429 Minister representing the Treasurer

1430 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

1431 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

**Senator Cormann:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1432-1433)—With reference to the decision of the full bench of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) handed down on 19 December 2008, inserting default superannuation funds into a number of awards:

- (1) What is the justification for reducing the exercise of choice for working families in relation to their superannuation arrangements and advantaging particular superannuation funds through the introduction of default funds as part of the award 'modernisation' process.
- (2) Given that all but one of the default funds are industry superannuation funds, on what basis were the funds selected.
- (3) Did the Minister, the Minister's office, or the department have any input into the selection of default funds.
- (4) What expertise does the AIRC have in assessing superannuation funds for long-term performance and all product features, including financial advice and comprehensive insurance coverage.
- (5) What is the comparative performance of the nominated default funds against industry averages.
- (6) On what basis was a single for-profit superannuation fund considered suitable for nomination as a default fund.
- (7) Has the Minister or the department considered the anti-competitive aspects of inserting default funds into awards.
- (8) Has the advice of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission been sought in regard to the potential anti-competitiveness of default fund nomination.
- (9) Has the Minister, the Minister's office, or the department had any discussions with any unions regarding the introduction of default funds as part of the award 'modernisation' process; if so, what commitments were made.
- (10) Is it now government policy to entrench industry superannuation funds as default funds in awards.

- (11) Is the Government aware of any financial or other benefits various unions may be able to derive from the establishment of default funds as part of the award 'modernisation' process; if so, what are those financial and other benefits for each relevant union.

1432 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

1433 Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law

*Notice given 17 March 2009*

1434 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—

- (1) In addition to the project deed of the Kimberley Broadband Solutions Project, does the Federal Government retain a copy of the agreement signed between the Western Australian Government and the private partner in the project; if so, can a copy be provided.
- (2) On what basis did the Federal Government reject NewSat Limited's application to register in the second round of the Australian Broadband Guarantee program in early 2008.
- (3) Is the department aware of any requirement, either in the project deed or in any other contract signed by the Western Australian Government, the Federal Government and/or private partner in the project, for not only broadband infrastructure to be built in the vicinity of the 16 communities but also for communities to be made aware of the infrastructure's presence and for support services and sales to be provided so that the communities were able to sign up for and use the infrastructure.

1435 **Senator Scullion:** To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—How many taxpayers from the 2007-08 financial year, who are now resident overseas, will be eligible to receive the Government's tax bonus payment.

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

\*1436 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1231 (*Senate Hansard*, 16 March 2009, p. 113): why has the Australian Government taken no role or given no tangible backing to the 2009 to 2011 work of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects.

\*1437 **Senator Bob Brown:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—With reference to the case of Mr John Sorensen and Northern Bay Pty Ltd on Christmas Island, as detailed in the May 2006 report of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, *Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean Territories*:

- (1) Does the Government agree with the committee's finding that Mr Sorensen's land should be bought by the Government at full market value.
- (2) Will the Government consider overturning the previous government's decision to deny Mr Sorensen compensation; if not, why not.

- (3) If an act of grace payment under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* is no longer an applicable way to compensate Mr Sorensen, has the department investigated other avenues for compensation.
- (4) Why did the department take 9 months to reply to Mr Sorensen's letter asking for reconsideration of the act of grace decision.
- (5) Will the Government commit to 'competitive neutrality' principles in future development tenders in Australia or its territories.
- (6) Does the Government accept the committee's recommendation that Commonwealth land released on Christmas Island in future be sold at market value.

\*1438 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Can details be provided of programs discontinued or to be discontinued in 2009 and 2010, including the total amount appropriated for each during the life of the program.
- (2) Can details be provided of the \$7.4 billion worth of projects that have been delayed or deferred since 1 December 2007, including: (a) when these projects are expected to be delivered; (b) the reasons for the delay in the delivery of these projects; and (c) the value of each of these delayed or deferred projects.

\*1439 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Defence—  
With reference to the answer provided to questions on notice nos 812 and 813 (Senate *Hansard*, 10 March 2009, p. 142):

- (1) As the report referred to by the Minister in paragraph 2 of the answer to the above questions does not provide the detail originally asked for, can the following details be provided:
  - (a) how many ministerial staff accompanied the Minister on each of these overseas visits; and
  - (b) for accompanying ministerial staff, what was the total cost of:
    - (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, and (iii) any other expenses.
- (2) In regard to Professor Scott Holmes accompanying the Minister on the Minister's visit to Turkey and the Middle East between 22 and 30 April 2008:
  - (a) what was the purpose of Professor Holmes accompanying the Minister;
  - (b) what benefit was there to be gained from a Professor of Accounting and Finance accompanying the Minister;
  - (c) who approved Professor Holmes attendance; and
  - (d) how were the costs for Professor Holmes attendance met.

\*1440 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) How many Australia's overseas aid program (AusAID) staff are assigned to Australia's aid program for Africa.

- (2) Have any AusAID and/or departmental staff been assigned to support the Governor-General's trip to Africa during March and early April 2009; if so, for how long has each staff member been assigned.
- (3) When did the Governor-General receive invitations from each African nation on the itinerary.
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the Governor-General's trip to Africa.
- (5) (a) What is the estimated cost of the Government's bid for a temporary seat on the United Nations (UN) Security Council; and (b) does this include any or all of the estimated cost of the Governor-General's trip to Africa; if so, what amount.
- (6) How many staff will be travelling with the Governor-General.
- (7) How many AusAID and/or departmental staff will be travelling with the Governor-General.
- (8) In regard to the lobbying the Governor-General is to undertake on the Government's behalf in support of the Government's bid for a temporary seat on the UN Security Council: (a) when did the Government make this request; (b) how did the Government make this request; (c) what instructions did the Government give to the Governor-General; and (d) what restrictions, if any, were placed on the Governor-General to make commitments on behalf of the Government.

\*1441 **Senator Johnston:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In regard to the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's vessel in Hobart in early 2009: (a) is the Minister aware of any request from the Japanese Government for the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to raid the vessel; and (b) did the Minister have prior knowledge of the decision of the AFP to raid the vessel.

\*1442 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

- (1) What is the current status of Australia's preparedness for a pandemic influenza outbreak.
- (2) Has Australia's preparedness alert level changed in the past 12 months.
- (3) What products have been replenished since July 2008, in particular, avian influenza A (H5N1) vaccines, and by what quantities.
- (4) Are all influenza vaccines, including the human vaccine for avian influenza A (H5N1), held within the National Medical Stockpile, manufactured in Australia; if not, what percentage of the stockpile is made up of vaccines manufactured in Australia.
- (5) Is it still a priority for the Minister to ensure that Australia has local influenza vaccine manufacturing capacity sufficient to assure an adequate emergency response; if so, how is this reflected in the recent public tender issued for the supply of influenza vaccines to the National Medical Stockpile.

\*1443 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) (a) How much has the Australian Government provided to the Australian Research Council (ARC) for the development of Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA); and (b) is this money quarantined from the ARC's general administrative budget.
- (2) (a) How much has the ARC expended on the development of ERA to date; and (b) can an itemised list of this spending be provided.
- (3) (a) How much money from the ARC's general administrative budget has been spent on the development of ERA; and (b) can an itemised list of this spending be provided.
- (4) Excluding all expenditures for the administration of ERA, what amount has been budgeted by the ARC for the administration of grants over each of the following financial years: (a) 2007-08; (b) 2008-09; (c) 2009-10; (d) 2010-11; and (e) 2011-12.

\*1444 **Senator Ludlam:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

- (1) Does the Government maintain its policy of opposition to the development of uranium enrichment, nuclear power and nuclear fuel reprocessing in Australia.
  - (2) Does the mission of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) continue to include to 'support the development and implementation of government policies and initiatives in nuclear and related areas, domestically and internationally'.
  - (3) Is it prohibited in Australia to construct a nuclear fuel fabrication plant, a nuclear power plant, an enrichment plant or a reprocessing facility under section 10 of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998*.
  - (4) When the chairman of ANSTO promotes nuclear power in Australia is he speaking as the head of a government statutory authority.
  - (5) Does the Minister support the chairman's advocacy of nuclear power in Australia.
  - (6) (a) When was the chairman of ANSTO last briefed by the Government on its policy on nuclear power in Australia; and (b) when will the chairman next be briefed on Australian Government policy.
  - (7) Did ANSTO commission Field Public Relations to promote the chairman's views on nuclear power and a change in government policy at Paydirt's Uranium Conference held in Adelaide on 16 and 17 March 2009.
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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).)*

### Amendments to standing orders

#### 2 Adjournment debate on Tuesdays – choice of senators to make a twenty minute speech—Amendment to standing order 54

At the end of paragraph (5), add:

- (6) 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)*

#### 3 Legislative and general purpose committees—Amendment to standing order 25(9)

That subparagraph (d) of standing order 25(9) be amended to read as follows:

- (d) The deputy chair shall act as the chair of the committee when the member elected as chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

*(Agreed to 18 September 2008 upon adoption of recommendation at page 3 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2008.)*



**4 No divisions on Thursdays after 4.30 pm (as against 6 pm in the standing order)—Amendment to standing order 57**

Paragraph (3) is amended as to read as follows:

- (3) 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)*

**5 No questions to chairs of committees or senators other than ministers at question time—Amendment to standing order 72**

That standing order 72 be amended to read as follows:

**72 Questions without notice**

- (1) At the time provided questions may be put to ministers relating to public affairs.
- (2) A question may be put to the President in relation to matters for which the President has responsibility.
- (3)
  - (a) The asking of each question shall not exceed one minute and the answering of each question shall not exceed 4 minutes.
  - (b) The asking of each supplementary question shall not exceed one minute and the answering of each supplementary question shall not exceed one minute.
- (4)
  - (a) After question time motions may be moved without notice to take note of answers given that day to questions.
  - (b) A senator may speak for not more than 5 minutes on such a motion.
  - (c) The time for debate on all motions relating to answers to questions without notice on any day shall not exceed 30 minutes.

*(Agreed to 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 3 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)*

**6 Temporary appointment of substitute members of legislative and general purpose standing committees—Amendment to standing order 25**

At the end of subparagraph (7)(d), add:

- (e) If a member of a committee 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 10 March 2009 upon adoption of recommendation at page 4 in the Procedure Committee's first report of 2009.)*

## Committees

### 7 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.)

### 8 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet

That the Community Affairs Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 3.30 pm:

- (a) on Thursday, 12 March 2009, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia; and
- (b) on Thursday, 19 March 2009, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia.

(Agreed to 11 March 2009.)

**\*9 Economics—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Economics Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, and Thursday, 19 March 2009, from 6.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

(Agreed to 18 March 2009.)

**10 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 19 March 2009, from 10 am, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific.

(Agreed to 17 March 2009.)

**11 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee be authorised to hold an in camera hearing during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 19 March 2009, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

(Agreed to 17 March 2009.)

**12 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.)

**13 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.)

**14 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, from 11 am to 1 pm, and Thursday, 19 March 2009, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee's review of Auditor-General's reports.

(Agreed to 11 March 2009.)

**15 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet**

That the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate, from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm, as follows:

- (a) on Tuesday, 10 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin system;

- (b) on Wednesday, 11 March and Thursday, 12 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines;
- (c) on Tuesday, 17 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into meat marketing; and
- (d) on Thursday, 19 March 2009 to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into public passenger transport in Australia.

(Agreed to 12 February 2009.)

#### 16 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.)*

## Estimates

### 17 2008-09 Additional estimates—2009-10 Budget estimates—Hearings

- (1) That estimates hearings by standing committees for 2009 be scheduled as follows:
  - 2008-09 additional estimates:**
    - Monday, 23 February and Tuesday, 24 February 2009, and, if required, Friday, 27 February 2009 (*Group A*)
    - Wednesday, 25 February and Thursday, 26 February 2009, and, if required, Friday, 27 February 2009 (*Group B*).
  - 2009-10 Budget estimates:**
    - Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May 2009, and, if required, Friday, 29 May 2009 (*Group A*)
    - Monday, 1 June to Thursday, 4 June 2009, and, if required, Friday, 5 June 2009 (*Group B*)
    - Monday, 19 October and Tuesday, 20 October 2009 (*supplementary hearings—Group A*)
    - Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October 2009 (*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, 17 March 2009 in respect of the 2008-09 additional estimates; and
  - (b) Tuesday, 23 June 2009 in respect of the 2009-10 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 12 November 2008; amended 5 February 2009.)*

**18 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Estimates hearings—Consideration of Indigenous matters**

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.

*(Agreed to 26 August 2008.)*

**19 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.

**20 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.

#### 21 2008-09 Supplementary Budget estimates—Answers to questions

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

##### **Group A:**

Environment, Communications, and the Arts    Thursday, 4 December 2008  
 Finance and Public Administration                      Friday, 5 December 2008  
 Legal and Constitutional Affairs                      Friday, 28 November 2008  
 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport    Wednesday, 10 December 2008

##### **Group B:**

Community Affairs    Friday, 12 December 2008  
 Economics    Friday, 12 December 2008  
 Education, Employment and Workplace  
 Relations    Friday, 28 November 2008  
 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade                      Thursday, 4 December 2008

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

## Legislation

#### \*22 Senate consideration—Variation

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Social Security Amendment (Liquid Assets Waiting Period) Bill 2009  
 Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009  
 Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009.

*(Agreed to 18 March 2009.)*

## Meeting of Senate

#### 23 Meeting of Senate

That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2009 be as follows:

##### **Autumn sittings:**

Tuesday, 3 February to Thursday, 5 February  
 Monday, 9 February to Thursday, 12 February

##### **Autumn sittings (2):**

Tuesday, 10 March to Thursday, 12 March  
 Monday, 16 March to Thursday, 19 March

##### **Budget sittings:**

Tuesday, 12 May to Thursday, 14 May

##### **Winter sittings:**

Monday, 15 June to Thursday, 18 June  
 Monday, 22 June to Thursday, 25 June

##### **Spring sittings:**

Tuesday, 11 August to Thursday, 13 August  
 Monday, 17 August to Thursday, 20 August

Monday, 7 September to Thursday, 10 September  
 Monday, 14 September to Thursday, 17 September

**Spring sittings (2):**

Monday, 26 October to Thursday, 29 October  
 Monday, 16 November to Thursday, 19 November  
 Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November.

*(Agreed to 12 November 2008; amended 5 February 2009.)*

**Orders for production of documents**

**24 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.)*

**25 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.)*

**26 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.)*



**27 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.)*

**28 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.)*

**29 Environment—Coorong and Lower Lakes—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than noon on Thursday, 28 August 2008, the ‘urgent advice’ prepared for the Minister for Climate Change and Water by her department as requested on 18 June 2008 on ‘what we can do in the short-term’ to address the dire situation confronting the Coorong and Lower Lakes in South Australia.

*(Motion of Senators Bernardi, Birmingham, Ferguson and Fisher and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 27 August 2008.)*

**30 Environment—Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 4 September 2008, the report of the Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies recently completed by Mr Roger Wilkins, AO, with the support by a secretariat located in the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

*(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 3 September 2008.)*

**31 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Treasury modelling—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy contracted Dr Brian Fisher from Concept Economics to conduct an independent peer review of the Department of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the Government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme,
- (ii) the committee wrote to the Treasurer (Mr Swan) on 9 December 2008 requesting that Dr Fisher, be given 'full access to the government's complete documentation of the government's models together with the model codes and databases and any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the policy scenarios, but not publicly released' by 17 December 2008,
- (iii) the Treasurer has refused the committee's request, and
- (iv) Dr Fisher has reported that he was impeded in carrying out the work requested by the committee because the information requested from the Treasurer was not made available to him; and

(b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Treasurer, no later than noon on 5 February 2009, the following information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's low pollution future: The economics of climate change mitigation*:

- (i) the model documentation and codes together with all databases for both the global trade and environment model and the Monash multi-regional forecasting model that were employed in the department's modelling of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme scenarios in a form that would allow the reproduction of the department's results, and
- (ii) any other model simulations undertaken relevant to the abovementioned policy scenarios but not publicly released.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 4 February 2009.)*

**32 Taxation—Alcohol—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the response from the Department of the Treasury to straightforward questions regarding the amount of revenue collected as a result of the increase in the excise on 'alcopops' effective 27 April 2008 and other excise measures [question no. sbt 3, parts (1), (18), (19) and (20)] placed on notice at hearings of the Economics Committee in October 2008, that 'This information is not publicly available', and

- (ii) that there has never been any suggestion, nor would it be accepted by the Senate, that answers to questions asked by senators at estimates hearings should be limited to publicly available material;
- (b) considers that this response amounts to a refusal to answer the questions;
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by 5 February 2009 meaningful answers to parts (1), (18), (19) and (20) of question no. sbt 3, previously placed on notice at hearings of the Economics Committee in October 2008; and
- (d) orders that there be laid on the table by 23 February 2009, meaningful answers to the following additional questions:
  - (i) what tax revenue has been collected in each of the following categories of alcohol since 27 April 2008:
    - (A) beer,
    - (B) cask wine,
    - (C) bottled wine,
    - (D) cider,
    - (E) spirits, and
    - (F) other excisable beverages, i.e. ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages (alcopops),
  - (ii) for each of the categories in question (d)(i), what volumes of alcohol (measured in litres of alcohol) were either:
    - (A) cleared for home consumption, or
    - (B) subject to tax under the *A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act 1999*,
  - (iii) what is the measured price elasticity of RTD beverages, given the data collected since 27 April 2008,
  - (iv) is the measured elasticity since 27 April 2008 consistent with the Department of the Treasury modelling underlying the revenue impacts of the tax increase measure published in the 2008-09 Budget,
  - (v) what were the Department of the Treasury's estimates of RTD own-price and cross-price elasticity with other alcohol beverages used to calculate the revenue estimates from different alcohol products included in the *Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2008-09*,
  - (vi) what volume growth rates have been assumed by the Department of the Treasury for different alcohol beverages for the financial years included in the *Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2008-09*,
  - (vii) what advice was produced by the Department of the Treasury or the Department of Health and Ageing regarding likely substitution effects prior to or following the introduction of the alcopops tax,
  - (viii) what evidence has the Government collected regarding reduction in risky or high risk drinking and/or at risk behaviour among:
    - (A) all drinkers,
    - (B) the following age groups – under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 40 and over 40,
    - (C) men, and
    - (D) women, and

- (ix) what evidence has the Government, including the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, collected regarding those alcohol products most likely to be associated with low risk, risky and high risk drinking among different age and gender categories.

*(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 4 February 2009.)*

**33 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents**

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, no later than 10 am on the day after the day the winning bid is announced:

- (a) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s formal report on the National Broadband Network (NBN) proposals to the NBN Panel of Experts; and
- (b) the final report provided to the Government from the NBN Panel of Experts on submissions to the NBN process.

*(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 4 February 2009.)*

**34 Health—Private health insurance—Reforms—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the Prime Minister’s stated commitment before the 2007 Federal election that Federal Labor would retain the ‘existing private health insurance rebates, including the 30 per cent general rebate and the 35 and 40 per cent rebates for older Australians’ as well as the commitment to ‘maintain Lifetime Health Cover and the Medicare Levy Surcharge’,
  - (ii) the government’s reaffirmation of those commitments during its first Senate Estimates as the new government in February 2008, and on other occasions,
  - (iii) revelations that since the election of the Rudd Government work has been done by both Treasury and the Department of Health and Ageing on options and/or recommendations for scrapping the private health insurance rebate and other options for change to the rebate and Lifetime Health Cover, and
  - (iv) the departmental records listing for the Department of Health and Ageing for the period 1 July 2008 until 31 December 2008 listing six specific ideas and policy development papers on changes to private health insurance in general and Lifetime Health Cover in particular;
- (b) considers publication of those policy development ideas to be in the public interest; and
- (c) orders that there be laid on the table by the Minister Representing the Minister for Health and Ageing by no later than 12 pm on 16 March, the following documents:
  - (i) 2008/039344 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – ACPHI,

- (ii) 2008/043077 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt2 – ACPHI,
- (iii) 2008/048024 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt3 – ACPHI,
- (iv) 2008/058144 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Ideas Paper – Pt4 – ACPHI,
- (v) 2008/066297 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Policy Development & Implementation (PD&I) Section – ACPHI, and
- (vi) 2008/021657 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) – Loading Waiver Provision – Private Health Insurance Act 2007 – ACPHI.

(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 11 March 2009.)

**35 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Treasury modelling—Order for production of documents**

That the Senate—

(1) Notes:

- (a) that the government has not complied with the order of the Senate made on 4 February 2009, ordering the production of certain unpublished information relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
- (b) the government's statement to the Senate on 11 February 2009 expressing the 'belief' that the provision of some of the documents requested would cause substantial commercial harm to organisations that were contracted to assist Treasury;
- (c) that the claim of commercial harm cited by the government in its refusal to release the required information relates to only part of the information requested and that no explanation was provided as to why all of the other information not covered by the claim of commercial harm should not be provided for scrutiny by the Senate;
- (d) the evidence to the committee in this regard by Professor McKibbin, one of the consultants contracted by Treasury for its modelling, that in his view models developed with public funding should be publicly available;
- (e) that the committee has received correspondence from Monash University, one of the two organisations the government indicated in its statement would be exposed to substantial commercial harm were the requested information to be released, which states that "*the University wishes to assist (the Fuel and Energy Committee) in every way possible*", and that the University Solicitors would work with the creators of the Monash Multi-Regional Forecasting model "*to identify the manner and nature of disclosure that will meet the Committee's needs as far as possible while protecting the University's interests*";

- (f) the correspondence received from Purdue University, the other organisation mentioned in the government's statement, which explains that the simple purchase of a licence would avoid any commercial harm;
  - (g) the evidence of the WA Department of Treasury and Finance indicating that they had also been unsuccessful in obtaining access to relevant modelling information, which was preventing them from providing proper and informed advice on the economic impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme in Western Australia to the government in that state; and
  - (h) the ongoing concerns expressed by a wide variety of stakeholders about the inadequacy of the Treasury modelling of the impact of the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
- (2) Considers that:
- (a) irrespective of the government's statement in the Senate on 11 February 2009 it is in the public interest that all the underlying information used by Treasury in its modelling be available to help facilitate proper scrutiny by the Senate of the impact of the government's proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme;
  - (b) models used in the modelling exercise developed using public funding ought to be publicly available; and
  - (c) where the public release of information is likely to cause significant commercial harm to an external organisation every effort ought to be made to prevent that harm while not preventing the Senate from fulfilling its proper role to scrutinise the activities and proposals of government;
- (3) Orders that the following information be produced to the Senate Select Committee on Fuel and Energy by noon on Friday 13 March 2009:
- (a) the information referred to in paragraph (b) of the Senate's order for documents of 4 February 2009 relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation*;
  - (b) any other information not published and not covered by (a) relating to the Department of the Treasury modelling, including but not limited to:
    - (i) any information and documents generated by the government for the purpose of the composition of the information covered by (a),
    - (ii) for the two scenarios modelled for the CPRS (CPRS -5 per cent and the CPRS -15 per cent) and the reference scenario, the time series data per annum to 2050 for all states and territories of the following:
      - a) Industry growth output in millions of dollars,
      - b) Employment numbers,
      - c) Gross State Product,
      - d) Emissions, and
      - e) Household CPI changes,
    - (iii) the data from (ii), a), b) and c) broken down by region where applicable, and
    - (iv) any substrate data of gross industry output by the above regions.

- (4) That the committee may make the information described in paragraph (3) available to the person contracted by the committee and referred to in paragraph (a) of the Senate's order of 4 February 2009, and any person appointed by the leader of a party in the Senate or an independent senator, duly notified to the committee, to examine that information and report to that senator.
- (5) That the committee, any senator and any other person referred to in paragraph (4) treat the information produced in accordance with paragraph (3)(a) of this order as confidential, and not publish the information to any other person except as authorised by this order.
- (6) That the committee may refer to the information produced to it in accordance with this order and any conclusions reached from it in a report to the Senate, but shall not disclose the information in such a report.

*(Motion of the Chair of the Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (Senator Cormann) agreed to 11 March 2009.)*

## **Question time**

### **36 Restructuring question time—Temporary order**

That the following operate as a temporary order during 2009:

No notice to be given of questions, as at present.

Primary questions to be limited to one minute and the answers to them to two minutes.

Two supplementary questions to be allowed to the questioner.

Supplementary questions and the answers to them to be limited to one minute each.

Answers to be required to be directly relevant to each question, as in the original proposal.

*(Agreed to 13 November 2008; continuation of temporary order agreed to 4 December 2008.)*

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## **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 Joyce)**

**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**

**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**

**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**

**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

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 Joyce)**  
**Senator Xenophon**

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.

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## **TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Senators Barnett, Bernardi, Bishop, Carol Brown, Crossin, Forshaw, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Marshall, McGauran, Moore, Parry, Troeth and Trood

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## **CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES**

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  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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  - National Broadband Network
  - Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
  - State Government Financial Management (final report—18 September 2008)
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    - Australian Crime Commission
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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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/agric_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 15 May and 13 November 2008)

#### *Members*

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

#### *Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, 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 inquiries*

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market (*referred 14 February 2008; final reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

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

#### *Report presented*

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Interim report (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

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### **Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/APP\\_CTTE/index.htm](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, Parry, Sherry and Williams

#### *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*)

Annual report 2007-08 (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

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### **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/aclei_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Ms Parke (*Chair*), Senator Johnston (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Carol Brown, Cameron and Parry and Mr Chester, Mr Clare, Mr Hayes and Ms Ley

*Reports presented*

Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Inquiry into law enforcement integrity models (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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**Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Hutchins (*Chair*), Senator Boyce (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Fielding, Parry and Polley and Mr Champion, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hayes, Ms Ley and Mr Wood

*Current inquiry*

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

*Reports presented*

Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 18 June 2008*)

Inquiry into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

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**Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee**

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

*Members*

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

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**Climate Policy—Select Committee**

(*appointed 11 March 2009; reporting date: 14 May 2009*)

*Members*

Senators Boswell, Cash, Cameron, Colbeck, Feeney, Furner, Macdonald, Milne, Pratt and Xenophon

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Lundy, Marshall, Mason, McEwen, McGauran, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Parry, Payne, Polley, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Sterle, Troeth, Trood, Williams and Wortley

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**Community Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/index.htm](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 Siewert (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Boyce, Carol Brown, Furner and Humphries

*Substitute members*

Senator Fifield to replace Senator Adams from 10 March to 12 May 2009

*Implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children*—Senator Farrell to replace Senator Bilyk

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

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

*Petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia (referred 17 June 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of March 2009)*

*Implementation of recommendations of committee reports on child migration and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children (referred 18 September 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2009)*

*Impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia (referred 11 November 2008; reporting date: last sitting day of 2009)*

*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*)

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Towards recovery: Mental health services in Australia (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Draft National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits — Charges) Regulations 2008 (*presented to the Deputy President on 2 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Building trust: Supporting families through disability trusts (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008, Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008 and ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 [Provisions] and National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 12 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 November 2008*)

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 20 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009: Provisions relating to the social housing program (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and the impact of the tax on ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 16 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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### **Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/corporations_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Members*

Mr Ripoll (*Chair*), Senator Mason (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boyce, Farrell, Marshall and Williams† and Ms Grierson, Ms Owens, Mr Pearce and Mr Robert

†For the duration of the committee's inquiry into financial products and services in Australia

*Current inquiries*

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

Financial products and services in Australia (*adopted 25 February 2009; additional matter on banking and finance industry involvement referred 16 March 2009; reporting date: 23 November 2009*)

*Reports presented*

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

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 2 September 2008*)

Opportunity not opportunism: Improving conduct in Australian franchising (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

**Economics—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/economics\\_ctte/index.htm](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, Pratt and Xenophon

*Substitute member*

Senator Crossin to replace Senator Furner on 31 March, 1 April and 8 April 2009

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hutchins, Johnston, 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 and Wortley

*Current inquiries*

Bank mergers (*referred 24 November 2008; reporting date: by 17 September 2009*)

Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 30 April 2009*)

Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (*referred 11 March 2009; reporting date: 14 April 2009*)

\* Foreign investment in Australia (*referred 18 March 2009; reporting date: 17 June 2009*)

*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*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)

Trade Practices (Creeping Acquisitions) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 26 August 2008*)

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 and Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*tabled 27 August 2008*)

Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008 (*tabled 28 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 and A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 28 August 2008*)

Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008 (*tabled 1 September 2008*)

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 16 September 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 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] (*tabled 23 September 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*tabled 13 October 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 13 October 2008*)

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 20 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 November 2008*) and additional comments by Opposition senators (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Lost in Space? Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector (*tabled 12 November 2008*)

Australia's mandatory Last Resort Home Warranty Insurance scheme (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Temporary Residents' Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 18 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*) and minority report by Senator Xenophon (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 [Provisions], Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] and COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

The need, scope and content of a definition of unconscionable conduct for the purposes of Part IVA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Financial Relations Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Federal Financial Relations (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 27 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eet\\_ctte/index.htm](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*), Senator Humphries (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Back, Bilyk, Cash, Collins, Crossin and Siewert

*Substitute members*

*Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change*—Senator Milne to replace Senator Siewert

*Oversight of the child care industry*—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Siewert

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, 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, Trood, Williams, Wortley and Xenophon

*Current inquiries*

*Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change* (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 17 September 2009*)

*Oversight of the child care industry* (*referred 25 November 2008; reporting date: 18 June 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*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Parry, on 28 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 1 December 2008*)

Allegations of academic bias in universities and schools (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 27 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)  
 Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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### **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 inquiry*

2007 Federal Election, including the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008 (*referred 12 March 2008; interim report presented 17 March 2009*)

#### *Reports presented*

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

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Advisory report (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

2007 federal election electronic voting trials—Interim report of the inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election and matters related thereto (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/eca\\_ctte/index.htm](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*), Senator Birmingham (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Boswell, Ludlam, Lundy, Pratt, Troeth and Wortley

#### *Substitute members*

*Effectiveness of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities*—Senator Nash to replace Senator Boswell

*Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands*—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Lundy

*Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities (*referred 18 June 2008; first report presented 18 March 2009; reporting date for final report: 24 April 2009*)

Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 25 June 2009*)

Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 7 May 2009*)

Reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media (*referred 12 February 2009; reporting date: 14 May 2009*)

*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); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*presented to the President on 25 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Waste management in Australia (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008) (*tabled 3 September 2008*)

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 15 September 2008*) and additional comments by Senator Joyce (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) Bill 2008 (*tabled 13 October 2008*)

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2008 (*tabled 25 November 2008*)

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008 (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 18 December 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 3 February 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

- \* The operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—First report (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

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### **Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/index.htm)

#### *Portfolios*

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

#### *Members*

Senator Polley (*Chair*), and Senators Bernardi, Cameron, Collins, Hanson-Young, Moore, Parry and Ryan

#### *Substitute members*

Senator Carol Brown to replace Senator Collins on 27 March and 7 April 2009

*Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008*—Senator Bob Brown to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Residential and community aged care in Australia*—

Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Senator Humphries to replace Senator Ryan

#### *Participating members*

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

#### *Current inquiries*

Residential and community aged care in Australia (*referred to the Economics Committee 25 September 2008; transferred 14 October 2008; reporting date: 29 April 2009*)

*Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008* (*referred 13 November 2008; reporting date: 15 June 2009*)

#### *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*)  
Knock, knock...who's there? The Lobbying Code of Conduct (*tabled 3 September 2008*)  
Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)  
Item 16525 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2007 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)  
Nation building and jobs plan inquiry into the provisions of the Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009 and 5 related bills (*tabled 10 February 2009*)  
Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009] (*tabled 10 March 2009*)  
Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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#### **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 Bishop, Ferguson, Fifield, Furner, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, Moore, O'Brien, Payne and Trood and Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Ms J Bishop, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Markus, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, 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*)  
Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific (*referred 3 September 2008*)  
Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power (*referred 2 March 2006; recommenced 27 August 2008*)

##### *Reports presented*

Review of the Defence annual report 2005-06 (*tabled 16 June 2008*)  
Review of the Defence annual report 2006-07 (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/FADT\\_CTTE/index.htm](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 Feeney, Ferguson, Forshaw, Kroger, Ludlam and McEwen

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, 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); tabled 26 August 2008*)

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); tabled 26 August 2008*) and addendum (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Reforms to Australia's military justice system—Fourth progress report (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 20 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

**Fuel and Energy—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting date: 21 October 2009*)

*Members*

Senator Cormann (*Chair*), Senator Hutchins (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bushby, Fifield, Joyce and McEwen



*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fielding, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, 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

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**House—Standing Committee**

*Members*

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

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**Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/hsaf\\_ctte/index.htm](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, 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)

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**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 Coonan, Forshaw, Marshall and McGauran and Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Hull, Mr Melham and Mr Robb

*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 community (*statutory responsibility*)

Review of administration and expenditure no. 7 – Australian intelligence community (*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*)

Annual report of committee activities 2007-08 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group, Jamiat ul-Ansar and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/index.htm](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

*Substitute member*

*Australia's judicial system*—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Hanson-Young

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Adams, Back, Bernardi, Birmingham, Bilyk, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, 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*

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (*referred 13 November 2008; interim report presented 4 March 2009; final reporting date: 19 March 2009*)

*Australia's judicial system* (*referred 5 February 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009*)

*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*)

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 28 August 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated September 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2] (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Forshaw, on 7 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)

Migration Legislation Amendment (Worker Protection) Bill 2008 (*tabled 10 November 2008*)

Effectiveness of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 12 December 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 3 February 2009*)

Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the President on 17 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 23 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim reports (*presented to the President on 26 February and 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the President on 26 February 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the President on 4 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 March 2009*)

Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 17 March 2009*)

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**Library—Standing Committee***Members*

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

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**Men's Health—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/menshealth\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/menshealth_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 13 November 2008; reporting date: 30 May 2009)

*Members*

Senator Bernardi (*Chair*), Senators Cash†, Lundy, Sterle, Troeth and Williams

†Senator Cash to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in her place

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, Barnett, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Crossin, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Ferguson, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Johnston, Joyce, Kroger, Macdonald, Mason, Marshall, McEwen, McGauran, Minchin, Moore, Nash, O'Brien, Payne, Polley, Pratt, Ronaldson, Ryan, Scullion, Trood and Wortley

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**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, Fierravanti-Wells, Hanson-Young and McEwen and Ms D'Ath, Mr Georgiou, Dr Stone 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)

*Report presented*

Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning (Criteria for release from immigration detention)—First report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia (tabled 2 December 2008)

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**National Broadband Network—Select Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/broadband_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008 and 12 March 2009; final reporting date: 22 June 2009)

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

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

*Report presented*

Interim report (*tabled 2 December 2008*) and correction (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

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**National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee**

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

(*appointed 14 February 2008*)

*Members*

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

*Current inquiry*

The changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories (*adopted 11 February 2009*)

*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); tabled 26 August 2008*)

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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, Fielding, Hutchins and Trood and Mr Adams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Butler, Mr Hawker, Ms Jackson, Mrs Mirabella and Mr Perrett

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**Privileges—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/priv\\_ctte/index.htm](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*)

135th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren Christian Fellowship) (*tabled 24 September 2008*)

137th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Anthony and Mrs Brenda Bird, members of the Exclusive Brethren) (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

136th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Mr Barry Williams, President of the Lone Fathers Association of Australia Inc) (*tabled 10 February 2009*)

### **Procedure—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/proc\\_ctte/index.htm](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 Abetz, Bob Brown, Faulkner, Hurley, Ludwig and Parry

#### *Reports presented*

First report of 2008—Restructuring question time; Reference of bills to committees; Questions to chairs of committees; Deputy chairs of committees; Leave to make statements (*tabled 17 September 2008*)

Second report of 2008—Questions to chairs of committees and other senators (*tabled 14 October 2008*)

Third report of 2008—Restructuring question time (*tabled 12 November 2008*)

First report of 2009—Restructuring question time; Legislative and general purpose standing committees; Temporary orders (*tabled 12 February 2009*)

### **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*)

4th report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

5th report (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

6th report (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

7th report (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

8th report (*tabled 4 December 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 Barnett, Bishop, Bushby, Feeney and Lundy and Mr Bevis, Mrs BK Bishop, Mr Bradbury, Mr Briggs, Mr Butler, Ms King, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert

*Current inquiries*

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

Review of the *Auditor-General Act 1997* (*adopted 25 February 2009*)

*Reports presented*

Report 410—Tax administration (*tabled 26 June 2008*)

Report 411—Progress on equipment acquisition and financial reporting in Defence (*tabled 1 September 2008*)

Report 412—Audit reports reviewed during the 41st Parliament (*tabled 1 September 2008*)

Report 413—The efficiency dividend and small agencies: Size does matter (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

*Committee document presented*

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

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**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 Lindsay, Mr Price 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*)

Referrals tabled March – June 2008 (Sixth report of 2008) (*tabled 2 September 2008*)

Update report: The Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre Project (Seventh report of 2008) (*tabled 23 September 2008*)

Australian Super Hornet Facilities Project, RAAF Base Amberley (Eighth report of 2008) (*presented to the President on 22 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 10 November 2008*)

Referrals tabled June – September 2008 (Ninth report of 2008) (*tabled 2 December 2008*)

Seventy-second annual report (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities Project (First report of 2009) (*tabled 10 March 2009*)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/indig_ctte/index.htm)

(appointed 19 March 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting dates varied 12 February 2009; reporting dates: 15 June 2009, 26 November 2009, 30 March 2010 and 30 September 2010)

*Members*

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

*Participating members*

Senators Abetz, Back, Barnett, Bernardi, Bilyk, Birmingham, Bishop, Boswell, Boyce, Brandis, Bob Brown, Carol Brown, Bushby, Cameron, Cash, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Cormann, Eggleston, Farrell, Feeney, Fielding, Fierravanti-Wells, Fifield, Fisher, Forshaw, Furner, Hanson-Young, Heffernan, Humphries, Hurley, Hutchins, Joyce, Kroger, Ludlam, 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

*Report presented*

First report 2008 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Troeth, on 30 September 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008)

**Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/regord_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Wortley (*Chairman*), Senator Ronaldson (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Back, 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)

Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, March 2007 to June 2008 (tabled 18 September 2008)

Delegated legislation monitor—Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2008, dated February 2009 (tabled 5 February 2009)

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

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/index.htm)

*Portfolios*

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

*Members*

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



*Substitute members*

*Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania*—Senator Barnett to replace Senator Heffernan

*Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne

*Natural resource management and conservation challenges*—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Milne

*Participating members*

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

*Current inquiries*

Meat marketing (*referred 19 March 2008; interim report tabled 4 September 2008; final reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (*referred 26 June 2008; reporting date: 12 May 2009*)

Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system (*referred 27 August 2008; report on matters specified in part (1) presented 10 October 2008; reporting date for matters specified in part (2): 12 May 2009*)

Establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (*referred 28 August 2008; reporting date: 30 June 2009*)

Import risk analysis for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (*referred 27 November 2008; reporting date: 19 March 2009*)

Public passenger transport in Australia (*referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 18 June 2009*)

*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); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests—Interim report (*presented to the Deputy President on 22 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 26 August 2008*)

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Interim report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Meat marketing—Interim report (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests (*tabled 23 September 2008*)

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008, Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008 and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 3 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Inquiry into water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008)—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 3 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008) (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 10 October 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 October 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 2 of 2008), dated November 2008 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008, Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008 and Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008 (*tabled 13 November 2008*)

Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]—Interim report (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 19 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Water Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 21 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*) and corrigenda (*tabled 27 November 2008*)

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 [Provisions] and Road Charges Legislation Repeal and Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions] (*presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 21 November 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 24 November 2008*)

Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (*tabled 12 March 2009*)

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### **Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee**

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

#### *Members*

Senator Coonan (*Chairman*), Senator Bishop (*Deputy Chairman*), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Siewert 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*)
- No. 7 of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
- No. 8 of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)
- No. 9 of 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)
- No. 10 of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)
- No. 11 of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)
- No. 12 of 2008 (*tabled 12 November 2008*)
- No. 13 of 2008 (*tabled 26 November 2008*)
- No. 14 of 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)
- No. 1 of 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2009*)
- No. 2 of 2009 (*tabled 10 February 2009*)
- No. 3 of 2009 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

\* No. 4 of 2009 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

*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*)
- Seventh report of 2008 (*tabled 27 August 2008*)
- Eighth report of 2008 (*tabled 3 September 2008*)
- Ninth report of 2008 (*tabled 17 September 2008*)
- Tenth report of 2008 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)
- The work of the committee during the 41st Parliament: November 2004 – October 2007 (*tabled 24 September 2008*)
- Eleventh report of 2008 (*tabled 15 October 2008*)
- Twelfth report of 2008 (*tabled 12 November 2008*)
- First report of 2009 (*tabled 4 February 2009*)
- Second report of 2009 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)
- \* Third report of 2009 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)

*Document presented*

- \* Retirement of Emeritus Professor Jim Davis, Legal Advisor to the Committee 1983 – 2008 (*tabled 18 March 2009*)
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**Selection of Bills—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/selectionbills\\_ctte/index.htm](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 Bushby†, Coonan, Ludwig and McEwen

†Senator Bushy to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in his place

*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*)

Report no. 8 of 2008 (*presented 27 August 2008*)

Report no. 9 of 2008 (*presented 3 September 2008*)

Report no. 10 of 2008 (*presented 4 September 2008*)

Report no. 11 of 2008 (*presented 18 September 2008*)

Report no. 12 of 2008 (*presented 25 September 2008*)

Report no. 13 of 2008 (*presented 15 October 2008*)

Report no. 14 of 2008 (*presented 16 October 2008*)

Report no. 15 of 2008 (*presented 13 November 2008*)

Report no. 16 of 2008 (*presented 26 November 2008*)

Report no. 17 of 2008 (*presented 4 December 2008*)

Report no. 1 of 2009 (*presented 5 February 2009*)

Report no. 2 of 2009 (*presented 12 February 2009*)

\* Report no. 3 of 2009 (*presented 18 March 2009*)

**Senators' Interests—Standing Committee**

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests\\_ctte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/interests_ctte/index.htm)

*Members*

Senator Johnston (*Chair*), Senator Forshaw (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Bilyk, Bob Brown, Fifield, Humphries, Parry† and Pratt

†Senator Parry to be discharged from 12 May 2009 with Senator Adams to be reappointed in his place

*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*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 June and 22 September 2008 (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests of senators lodged by 23 September 2008—Volumes 1 (A–F) and 2 (G–Z) (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of senators' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 24 September and 1 December 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

#### *Declarations of gifts lodged*

Register of gifts to the Senate and to the Parliament, incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 19 June 2007 and 23 September 2008 (*tabled 25 September 2008*)

Register of gifts to the Senate and to the Parliament, incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 24 September and 1 December 2008 (*tabled 3 December 2008*)

#### *Reports presented*

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

Report 1/2009: Annual report 2008 (*tabled 11 March 2009*)

#### *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](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/sgfm_ctte/index.htm)

(*appointed 14 February 2008; reporting date varied 12 March, 20 March, 27 August and 17 September 2008; final report tabled 18 September 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, 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*), Senator McGauran (*Deputy Chair*), and Senators Birmingham, Cash, Farrell, Ludlam, Pratt and Wortley and Mr Briggs, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Mr Murphy, Ms Neal, Ms Parke, Mr Simpkins and Ms Vamvakinou

#### *Current inquiries*

All treaties tabled in the Senate

Nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament (*referred 13 October 2008*)

*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*)

Report 93—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2008 (*tabled 4 September 2008*)

Report 94—Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008 (*tabled 18 September 2008*)

Report 95—Treaties tabled on 4 June, 17 June, 25 June and 26 August 2008 (*tabled 16 October 2008*)

Report 96—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 24 November 2008*)

Report 97—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (*tabled 4 December 2008*)

Report 98—Treaties tabled on 26 November 2008 and 4 December 2008 (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

Report 99—Treaties tabled on 3 December 2008 and 3 February 2009 (*tabled 16 March 2009*)

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## 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*).

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**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate

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**MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Representing</b>
<b>Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (<u>Chris</u>)</b> <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 Youth Minister for Sport
<b>Senator the Honourable John Faulkner</b> <i>Special Minister of State</i> <i>Cabinet Secretary</i> <i>Vice-President of the Executive Council</i>	Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Defence Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel
<b>Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy</b> <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
<b>Senator the Honourable Kim Carr</b> <i>Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research</i>	Minister for Education Minister for Trade Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
<b>Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (<u>Penny</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Climate Change and Water</i>	Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs Minister for the Status of Women
<b>Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (<u>Joe</u>)</b> <i>Minister for Human Services</i> <i>Manager of Government Business in the Senate</i>	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Employment Participation Minister for Ageing
<b>Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (<u>Nick</u>)</b> <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
<b>Parliamentary Secretaries</b>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib</b> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Government Service Delivery</i>	
<b>Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas</b> <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 Search and at: [www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/work/notice/index.htm)

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