The Senate meets at 9.30 am

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Notices of Motion

Notice given 25 June 2009

1 Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig): To move—that the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries:

(a) report on its inquiry on the incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia by 27 November 2009; and

(b) conclude on 27 November 2009, after the presentation of reports by the committee on its inquiries into food production in Australia and on the incidence and severity of bushfires across Australia.

Notice given 11 August 2009

2 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr): To move—that, in accordance with section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974, the Senate approves the proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services relating to the Parliament Drive one-way road project.

Orders of the Day

1 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009
   Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Customs) Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—Excise) Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (Charges—General) Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS Fuel Credits) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009
   Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) Bill 2009
   Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Amendment (Household Assistance) Bill 2009

Adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)—That these bills be now read a second time.

And on the amendment moved by Senator Milne in respect of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009—At the end of the motion, add “provided that the Government first commits to entering the climate treaty negotiations at the end of 2009 with an unconditional commitment to reduce emissions by at least 25 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 and a willingness to reduce emissions by 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 in the context of a global treaty” (Senator Ryan, in continuation, 12 August 2009).
2 Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]—(Senate bill)—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (26 November 2008).

3 Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2]
   Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2]—
   (Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 23 June 2009).

4 Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009—(Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (20 March 2009).

5 Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009
   Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009
   Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

6 Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [No. 2]—
   (Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Carr)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Carr, 11 August 2009).

7 Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

8 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

9 Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009—
   (Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 16 June 2009).

10 Native Title Amendment Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
    Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

11 Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009).

12 Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Identity Crimes and Other Measures) Bill 2008—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 10 March 2009).

13 Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).
14 Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 361 from the House of Representatives (22 June 2009).

15 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2009—(Minister for Employment Participation, Senator Arbib)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (17 March 2009).

16 AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009—(Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Evans)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (19 March 2009).

17 Federal Court of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008—(Special Minister of State, Senator Ludwig)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Ludwig, 11 February 2009).

18 Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

19 Foreign Evidence Amendment Bill 2008—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Wong, 5 February 2009).

20 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).

21 Evidence Amendment (Journalists’ Privilege) Bill 2009—(Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Faulkner, 15 June 2009).

22 Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008—(Assistant Treasurer, Senator Sherry)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (adjourned, Senator Sherry, 5 February 2009).

23 Budget statement and documents 2009-10
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (adjourned, Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), 14 May 2009).

24 Budget statement and documents 2008-09
Adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry)—That the Senate take note of the Budget statement and documents (adjourned, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens), 15 May 2008).
ORDERS OF THE DAY RELATING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES AND AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—DEEWR tender process to award employment services contracts
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Humphries, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

2 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Boyce, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

3 Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 102—Treaties tabled on 12 and 16 March 2009
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Birmingham—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

4 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Forshaw)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Forshaw, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

5 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Matters relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Nash)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Nash, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

6 Community Affairs; Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Environment, Communications and the Arts; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Legislation Committees—Reports—Budget estimates 2009-10
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cormann—That the Senate take note of the reports (adjourned, Senator Birmingham, 25 June 2009).
7 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Reports—  
Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto  
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Carol Brown—That the Senate take note of the report *(Senator Birmingham, in continuation, 25 June 2009).*

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

1 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 46 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Business continuity management and emergency management in Centrelink—Centrelink  
Consideration *(25 June 2009).*

2 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Management of domestic fishing compliance—Australian Fisheries Management Authority  
Consideration *(25 June 2009).*

3 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 48 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Planning and approval of Defence major capital equipment projects—Department of Defence  
Consideration *(11 August 2009).*

4 Auditor-General—Audit report no. 1 of 2009-10—Performance audit—Representations to the Department of the Treasury in relation to motor dealer financing assistance—Department of the Treasury; Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
Consideration *(11 August 2009).*

**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 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 22 June 2009

471 Senator Bernardi: To move—

(1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.

(2) That from 12.30 pm on 17 August 2009, the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008 have precedence over all government business until determined.

Notice of motion altered on 11 August 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 11 August 2009

503 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—that the Senate calls on the Rudd Government to consider the establishment of a National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commission which has the powers of a standing Royal Commission and the purview to detect, investigate and prevent corruption across all Commonwealth departments and agencies, the activities of Federal Parliament, Federal parliamentarians and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Notice given 12 August 2009

*504 Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Barnett): To move—that the time for the presentation of reports of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be extended as follows:

(a) Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges—to 17 September 2009; and

(b) access to justice—to 30 October 2009.
Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin): To move—That the time for the presentation of the final reports of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be extended to 20 August 2009:

(a) Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009; and
(b) provisions of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2009.

Senator Humphries: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes the June 2009 report of the Community Affairs References Committee, Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports;

(b) notes, in particular, recommendation 1 of the report, which recommends ‘that the Commonwealth government issue a formal acknowledgement and expression of regret to former child migrants in accordance with recommendation 30 of the Lost Innocents report; and that this statement be issued in conjunction with, or as a part of, a broader Commonwealth apology to people who experienced abuse and/or neglect in institutional or out-of-home care as children’ and recommendation 2 which recommends ‘that the Commonwealth government issue a formal statement of acknowledgement and apology to children who suffered hurt and distress, or abuse and assault, in institutional care, in accordance with recommendation 1 of the Forgotten Australians report’; and

(c) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) to personally make the expression of regret and apology called for by the Community Affairs Committee.

Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the Senate aware:

(a) of reports that 200,000 people are held in hard labour concentration camps in North Korea;

(b) that prisoners include people caught listening to foreign radio broadcasts, families of accused persons and those who have failed to show ‘proper respect’ to the President; and

(c) that after 12 to 15 hours work daily, a poor diet, no medical care or proper sanitary conditions, thousands of prisoners have died or are dying, calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs to report to the Senate within one month, with a full account of all knowledge available on this issue.

Senator Ludlam: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was sentenced to a further 18 months of house arrest in Burma on 11 August 2009,

(ii) this sentence will prevent her from participating in the proposed 2010 elections; and

(iii) the constitution establishing election procedures is fundamentally flawed and fails to achieve basic democratic standards; and
(b) calls on the Australian Government to investigate all possible options for progressing a United Nations Commission of Inquiry into war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma.

Orders of the Day relating to Government Documents

1 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 (Senator Ryan, in continuation, 25 June 2009).

2 Parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008, dated June 2009
   Consideration (25 June 2009).

3 Former parliamentarians’ travel paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008, dated June 2009
   Consideration (25 June 2009).

4 Parliamentarians’ overseas study travel reports—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008, dated June 2009
   Consideration (25 June 2009).

5 Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008
   Consideration (25 June 2009).

6 Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Digital television: Transmission and reception—Report, dated August 2009
   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Adams—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Adams, in continuation, 12 August 2009).

   Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Back—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Back, in continuation, 12 August 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).

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 (Senator McLucas, in continuation, 13 March 2008).

Second reading (restored 18 March 2008).

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

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).

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).

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)

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 (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 the 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).

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)


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).
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).

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).

Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)—(Senator Milne)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib), in continuation, 13 November 2008).

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).

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).

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).

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).

Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Siewert)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 16 March 2009).

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).

Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 13 May 2009).

Economics—2009-10 Budget
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brandis—That the Rudd Government’s poor economic management and the 2009-10 Budget has crippled Australia’s economic future for this generation and beyond (14 May 2009).
87 Infrastructure Australia Amendment (National Broadband Network and Other Projects) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Minchin)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Parry, in continuation, 15 June 2009).

91 120th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (4-10 April 2009) and a bilateral visit to Switzerland (11-18 April 2009)—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Troeth—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Troeth, in continuation, 24 June 2009).

BUSINESS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Next day of sitting (17 August 2009)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on access to justice.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges.

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on the operation of employee share schemes in Australia.

4 Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2009.

7 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009, the Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009 and the Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2009).
General Business—Notices of Motion

Notice given 24 June 2009

488 Senator Xenophon and Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for accurate labelling of food, and for related purposes. Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling Laws) Bill 2009.

Notice of motion altered on 24 June 2009 pursuant to standing order 77.

Notice given 12 August 2009

*507 Senator Siewert: To move—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) by 20 August 2009, the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008 and all documents used in its preparation, including drafts.

*512 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the Senate calls on the Australian Government to promote with Beijing an act of self-determination for the Uighur people of East Turkistan (Xinjiang Province, China).

On 18 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

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

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 August 2009

*511 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move—That the Senate—

(a) condemns the murder of Russian human rights campaigner, Ms Natalya Estemirova; and

(b) supports transparent debate on human rights abuses in Chechnya that is free from intimidation or violence.

On 18 August 2009

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 12 August 2009

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

(a) notes that:

(i) 15 August 2009 was the 64th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, and

(ii) during the war up to 200 000 women and girls were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese military and kept in ‘comfort stations’;
(b) recognises that:
   (i) the Japanese ‘comfort women’ have yet to receive an apology or any official acknowledgement of the grave human rights abuses that were suffered at the hands of the Japanese military, and
   (ii) since 2007, the United States of America, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Canada, the European Union (with 27 member countries), South Korea, Taiwan and three city councils in Japan have all passed similar motions calling on the Japanese Government to accept full responsibility and apologise for the abuses of comfort women; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to urge the Japanese Government to:
   (i) accept full responsibility for the abuses of comfort women,
   (ii) officially apologise for the crimes committed against the women,
   (iii) provide adequate compensation to comfort women or their immediate families, and
   (iv) accurately teach the history of comfort women in schools.

On 20 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Notices of Motion

Notice given 23 June 2009

1 Senator Colbeck: To move—That the Export Control (Fees) Amendment Orders 2009 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of the Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1982, be disallowed. [F2009L02097]

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

2 Senator Milne: To move—That the following legislative instruments be disallowed:
   (a) the Export Control (Fees) Amendment Orders 2009 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of the Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1982 [F2009L02097];
   (b) the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 108 and made under the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997 [F2009L02110];
   (c) the Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 109 and made under the Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act 1985 [F2009L02113]; and
   (d) the Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 110 and made under the Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act 1985 [F2009L02104].

Eleven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instruments will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on the review of the operation of the order of the Senate agreed to 13 May 2009 relating to committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on public passenger transport in Australia.

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.

On 21 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Final report to be presented on economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific.

On 30 August 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities.

Five sitting days after today (7 September 2009)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 June 2009

1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley): To move—That the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 4 and made under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989, be disallowed. [F2009L00224]

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

On 7 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposed amendment to standing order 175(3) in relation to a senator caring for an infant.
2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Economics Legislation Committee  
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Economics Legislation Committee  
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Economics Legislation Committee  
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009, the National Consumer Credit Protection (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2009, the National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Bill 2009 and the Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Orders of the Day

1 Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2009).

2 National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)  
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2009).

On 8 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 25 June 2009

1 Senator Milne: To move—That the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 119 and made under the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act 2006, be disallowed. [F2009L02397]

Thirteen sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Order of the Day

85 Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Fielding, in continuation, 14 May 2009).

On the tenth sitting day after 30 June 2009 (9 September 2009)

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legislation Committees
Reports to be presented on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009.

Eight sitting days after today (10 September 2009)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 18 June 2009

1 Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley): To move—That the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 24 and made under the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004, be disallowed. [F2009L00695]

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

On 10 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

By 15 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on unlimited deposit and wholesale funding guarantees.
By 17 September 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on bank mergers.

2 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s research and training capacity in the area of climate change.

3 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee
   Report to be presented on forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands.

4 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee
   Report to be presented on the oversight of the child care industry.

5 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on foreign investment in Australia.

6 Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

7 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

8 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Order of the Day

84 Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 14 May 2009).

On 21 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Fuel and Energy—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.
On 26 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the GROCERYchoice website.

*2 Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee
Report to be presented on the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 28 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Order of the Day

88 Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Ludlam)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Ludlam, in continuation, 23 June 2009).

On 30 October 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd.

On 16 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee
Report to be presented on the welfare of international students.

On 23 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

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

2 National Broadband Network—Select Committee
Final report to be presented.
On 24 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

*1 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

*2 Economics Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Orders of the Day

92 Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Leader of the Family First Party, Senator Fielding)

89 Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Leader of The Nationals in the Senate, Senator Joyce, and Senator Xenophon)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Joyce, in continuation, 24 June 2009).

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

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References 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—Orders of the Day

1 Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee
   Third report to be presented.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

General Business—Order of the Day

90 Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—(Senate bill)—(Senator Hanson-Young)
   Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson-Young, in continuation, 24 June 2009).
On 27 November 2009

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee
Final 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.

Next day of sitting after the presentation of documents relating to the National Broadband Network tender process

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009—(Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Wong)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (25 June 2009).

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 17 September 2009).

Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 28 October 2009).

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 7 September 2009).

Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009).
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee (referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 10 September 2009).

Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 17 September 2009).

Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date varied 23 June 2009; reporting date: 17 September 2009).

Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Commonwealth Contribution) Scheme Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Midwife Professional Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; interim report presented 7 August 2009; final reporting date: 17 August 2009).

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009).

Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; interim report presented 7 August 2009; final reporting date: 17 August 2009).

National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡

National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 7 September 2009).
Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 8 September 2009).

Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 [Provisions]‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; interim report presented 7 August 2009; final reporting date: 17 August 2009).

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009).

Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 7 September 2009).

Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 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
‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.

BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Further details concerning bills which have been laid aside or negatived may be found in the document Bills laid aside or negatived, their history and status as possibly meeting the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution [42nd Parliament] published on the Senate StatsNet site at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/work/statistics/consid_legis/triggers.htm

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.

Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009
Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009
Third reading negatived, 16 June 2009.
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]—(Senate bill)

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

Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009

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

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

Social Security and Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009

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.

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008
Private senators’ bills

Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [2008]

Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—(Senate bill)
Second reading negatived, 18 June 2009.

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question Nos, as shown, from 944 to 1946 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

Notice given 24 November 2008

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 (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 22 April 2009)

946 Minister representing the Treasurer

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

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

959 Minister representing the Attorney-General

964 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

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

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 26 February 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 for Defence

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

*Notice given 18 March 2009*

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.
Notice given 12 May 2009

1505 Senator Cash: To ask the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—With reference to the Government’s recent $43 billion National Broadband Network announcement:

(1) Will the following towns in Western Australia be serviced by the proposed broadband network: (a) Cue; (b) Mount Magnet; (c) Meekatharra; (d) Herne Hill; (e) Hovea; (f) Gingin; (g) Lancelin; (h) Muchea; (i) Nannup; and (j) Pemberton.

(2) For how long are the abovementioned towns required to wait for connection to true metro-equivalent broadband services.

Notice given 18 May 2009

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1509-1544)—With reference to all legislation administered within your portfolio:

(1) (a) How many and which statutory reviews are due to commence and/or conclude in 2009; and (b) what are the specified timelines for the commencement and conclusion of each these reviews.

(2) (a) How many and which statutory reviews are due to commence and/or conclude in 2010; and (b) what are the specified timelines for the commencement and conclusion of each these reviews.

1513 Minister representing the Treasurer

1526 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1533 Assistant Treasurer

1534 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (transferred to the Assistant Treasurer on 19 May 2009)

1541 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

Notice given 22 May 2009

1595 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law—With reference to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation online news article of 18 May 2009 ‘Super changes will “only affect a few”’—that states that the ‘average account balance for a person over age 50 currently contributing more than $50,000 is $890,000’:

(1) What source or sources did the Minister consult to obtain this figure.

(2) Did the Minister obtain advice to verify this figure; if so, from whom; if not, why not.

(3) Can copies be provided of documentation that supports this claim.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1596-1597)—

(1) With reference to the Minister’s repeatedly stated concern about superannuation fees and charges, does the Minister, the Minister’s office or the department actively monitor fee increases in the industry.

(2) Is the Minister aware that one of the major funds nominated as a default fund in many awards announced a 50 per cent increase in fees with effect from 1 January 2009.

(3) Is the Minister concerned about this fee increase.
(4) Is the Minister concerned that Australian workers will be automatically enrolled in this fund without their express consent.

(5) Will the Minister communicate to the Australia Industrial Relations Commission and/or Fair Work Australia: (a) his concern about this cost increase; and (b) that at least four or five funds should be nominated in each modern award to ensure employers have a choice and can avoid funds that inappropriately raise fees; if not, why not.

(6) Has the Minister sought and received any advice from the department about default fund fee increases; if not, why not.

(7) Did the Minister receive advice about default fund fee increases; if so, can a copy of that advice be provided; if not, why not.

1597 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

Notice given 29 May 2009

1609 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1388 (Senate Hansard, 14 May 2009, p. 2982), concerning the promised Medicare office in Belmont, Western Australia: (a) why is the Belmont office only under ‘active consideration’ when it was a 2007 election promise and the Rudd Government is halfway through its term of office; (b) when will a commitment on timing be made; (c) will the office be opened before the next election; and (d) why has the delay occurred.

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1610-1645)—

(1) Can a list be provided, by agency, of all infrastructure and/or capital works projects that fall under the responsibility of an agency within the Minister’s portfolio.

(2) For each of the projects in (1) above:

(a) when was it first announced, by whom, and by what method;
(b) if applicable, what program is it funded through;
(c) what is its total expected cost;
(d) what was its original budget;
(e) what is its current budget;
(f) what is the total Federal Government contribution to its cost;
(g) what is the total state government contribution to its cost;
(h) if applicable, what other funding sources are involved and what is their contribution to the project cost;
(i) what was the expected start date of construction;
(j) what is the expected completion date;
(k) (i) who is responsible for delivering the project, and (ii) if a state government is responsible for delivering the project, when will the funding be released to the relevant state government;
(l) is the project to be completed in stages/ phases; if so, what is the timing and cost of each stage/phase;
(m) why was the project funded; and
(n) what cost benefit or other modelling was done before the project was approved.

1611 Minister representing the Minister for Education
1612 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations 
(*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)

1613 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)

1614 Minister representing the Treasurer

1615 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

1617 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

1618 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

1620 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

1621 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

1623 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

1625 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

1626 Minister for Climate Change and Water

1627 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

1628 Minister representing the Attorney-General

1633 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs

1634 Assistant Treasurer

1635 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

1636 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs

1637 Minister representing the Minister for Housing

1638 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women

1639 Minister representing the Minister for Employment Participation (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)

1641 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy

1642 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law

1643 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 1 June 2009*)

1644 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Education on 1 June 2009*)

1645 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (*transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 1 June 2009*)

Notice given 3 June 2009

**Senator Minchin:** To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1648-1683)—Since 1 January 2008, has the department or any of its agencies expended any funds on advertising or sponsored links on a search engine such as www.google.com for any government websites administered within the Minister’s portfolio (i.e. websites with ‘.gov.au’ domain names); if so:

(a) which websites have been or are being advertised/sponsored on each search engine;
(b) what was the cost of establishing the advertisement/sponsorship;
(c) what was/is the daily cost of sponsorship;
(d) what was/is the fee that is charged each time an advertised/sponsored site is selected through the search engine;
(e) which words or phrases have been included in the advertisement/sponsorship (i.e. ‘digital television’);
(f) which additional, subcategories or combinations of words have also been included in the advertisement/sponsorship;
(g) how many variables or combinations were entered into the purchase equation;
(h) for how long has the advertisement/sponsorship been running or is intended to run; and
(i) what is the total cost to the department (or the costs to date if the expense is ongoing) of each website advertisement and/or sponsored link.

1649 Minister representing the Minister for Education (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2009)
1650 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1651 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
1652 Minister representing the Treasurer
1658 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1659 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
1662 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1667 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
1672 Assistant Treasurer
1673 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
1675 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1676 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1677 Minister for Employment Participation
1680 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
1681 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 June 2009)
1682 Minister representing the Minister for Youth (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 3 June 2009)
1683 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 June 2009)
Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—With reference to Perth Airport:

(1) Is the owner of the airport subject to contractual or regulatory obligations regarding the level of service provided to the public and the facilities to be provided.

(2) What are the contractual and regulatory obligations of the owner.

(3) What are the specific contractual and regulatory obligations for each of the following:
   (a) the provision and availability of short- and long-term parking;
   (b) the provision and availability of set-down and pick-up car bays;
   (c) the speed of security screening;
   (d) catering and other retail services;
   (e) availability of taxi services; and
   (f) security services, particularly in relation to long-term parking.

(4) What are the limitations, if any, on the airport charging monopolistic fees on the services they provide.

(5) (a) Are any details of the contractual and regulatory obligations of the owner of the airport regarding level of service and facilities not publicly available; if so, why are these details not publicly available; and (b) who monitors the compliance with such contractual and regulatory obligations.

(6) (a) Is the owner of the airport complying in all respects with contractual and regulatory obligations in relation to the operation, development and services to the public at the airport; and (b) what monitoring takes place to ensure this is the case.

(7) For the monitoring mentioned in (6)(b) above: (a) who undertakes this monitoring; (b) in what form does it occur; and (c) how frequently does it take place.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—With reference to the evidence of the department to the Finance and Public Administration Committee inquiry Residential and Community Aged Care in Australia on 13 March 2009, indicating that the survey by Bentleys MRI Resourcing Pty Ltd for 2008 showed an improvement in returns for operators:

(1) Is the Minister aware that, although Bentleys have not released the report on its results, the covering letter provided with the raw data released on 16 February 2008 stated "We advise participants that our data analysis indicates that, on a macro level, profitability for the sector is trending downwards when compared to last year".
(2) (a) Is the Minister aware that the covering letter goes on to state that ‘We also urge participants to exercise caution when comparing data between this year’s survey benchmarks and previous years. Due to changes in the participant pool in 2008, and as a result of adjustments to our classification scales for services, direct comparison from year to year for some items may be misleading at first glance’; and (b) did the Minister not consider that the researcher’s advice was relevant before presenting comparative analysis to the inquiry on two unrelated data sets.

(3) Given that the department also stated that 51.5 per cent of single-bed facilities were in the top earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) quartile for the 2007-08 financial year and Bentleys has not published a report on its raw survey data, what is the department’s definition of ‘single-bed’ and ‘multi-bed’ facilities.

(4) Is the Minister aware that using the Grant Thornton definition of ‘multi-bed’ facilities, 77 per cent of high care services in the top EBITDA quartile were multi-bed (less than 70 per cent single rooms).

(5) How does the department reconcile its statement that 49 per cent of high care services in the top EBITDA quartile are ‘multi-bed’ with the Grant Thornton data on ‘multi-bed’ facilities.

(6) Is it correct that the bottom quartile is dominated by single-bed facilities.

(7) What is ‘CAP data’ and what is its purpose.

(8) (a) In what year was the analysis on the general purpose financial reports describing providers’ financial returns from residential care last performed; (b) were the results of the analysis published; and (c) if the results were not publicly released: (i) why not, and (ii) will the Minister now make this analysis public.

(9) Can details be provided for individual facility EBITDA and performance for single- and multi-bed facilities.

1689 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the Prime Minister’s speech acknowledging the twentieth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre in which he referred to advances made by the Chinese Government, including positive steps in the rule of law and political rights, can the Prime Minister outline the actions he knows the Chinese Government is undertaking in the following areas: (a) rule of law; (b) political rights; (c) corruption; and (d) increasing openness in the work of the Government.

Notice given 10 June 2009

Senator Minchin: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1690-1725)—

(1) How many and which: (a) Acts; and (b) legislative instruments, including select legislative instruments, statutory rules and regulations, are administered within the Minister’s portfolio.

(2) With reference to the ‘clean-up’ of redundant and potentially-redundant regulations being coordinated by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, which Acts or legislative instruments have been identified as redundant or potentially-redundant and why.

1704 Minister for Climate Change and Water
1706 Minister representing the Attorney-General
1708 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Senator Ronaldson: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1727-1763)—Can a list be provided of contracts awarded to: (a) the Boston Consulting Group; and (b) the Allen Consulting Group, by the department and/or any of its agencies, of any value, between 1 January 2008 and 31 May 2009, including the value and primary deliverable of the contract.
Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1766-1767)—Can details be provided of any overseas visits or meetings Ms Lisa Paul PSM, departmental Secretary, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

(a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
(b) the countries visited;
(c) the location of each meeting;
(d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms Paul for each overseas visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
(e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these overseas visits; and
(f) who accompanied Ms Paul on each of these overseas visits.

1766 Minister representing the Minister for Education (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009)

1767 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Cash: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1768-1769)—Can details be provided of any interstate visits or meetings Ms Lisa Paul PSM, departmental Secretary, has undertaken or attended at government expense since her appointment in the position, including:

(a) the purpose of each visit/meeting;
(b) the states visited;
(c) the location of each meeting;
(d) the class of travel undertaken by Ms Paul for each interstate visit and the costs of each airfare and other ancillary or incidental transport;
(e) the name, location, and cost of the accommodation and any incidental costs utilised during these interstate visits; and
(f) who accompanied Ms Paul on each of these interstate visits.

1768 Minister representing the Minister for Education (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 15 June 2009)

1769 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (transferred to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship on 18 June 2009)—With reference to Chinese dissidents, including all those who risk arrest through advocating a multi-party democracy in China:

(1) How many have been accepted in Australia as refugees in each year for the past 10 years.
(2) How many have applied for but not been granted asylum or refugee status.
(3) Have any Charter 08 signatories sought asylum in Australia.
Notice given 16 June 2009

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1784-1820)—

1. (a) Can an itemised list be provided of how much the department has spent on hospitality since 24 November 2007; and (b) of this, how much was spent on alcohol.

2. For each Minister and any associated parliamentary secretary: (a) can an itemised list be provided of how much each office has spent on hospitality since 24 November 2007; and (b) of this, how much was spent on alcohol.

1784 Minister representing the Prime Minister
1785 Minister representing the Minister for Education
1786 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1787 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
1789 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
1790 Minister for Defence
1791 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
1792 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
1793 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1794 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
1795 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
1796 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
1797 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1798 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
1799 Minister for Climate Change and Water
1800 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
1801 Minister representing the Attorney-General
1802 Special Minister of State
1803 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1804 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
1805 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
1806 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
1807 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
1808 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
1809 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1810 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1811 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
1812 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009)
1813 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
1814 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
1815 Assistant Treasurer
1816 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009)
1817 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth
1818 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 18 June 2009)
1819 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (transferred to the Minister for Defence on 18 June 2009)
1820 Minister for Employment Participation

1821 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the Minister’s speech at the Auswind 2007 conference and exhibition ‘Future Vision 2020’ in which he outlined ten key measures for addressing climate change, and in particular, point three - lead by example, ‘Here’s a radical notion: a Federal Government putting its money where its mouth is on climate change policy. We will use government’s purchasing power to develop markets for efficient technologies and we will set an objective to power Parliament House and all MP electorate offices with renewable and clean energy’ and given that the current energy contract for Parliament House will expire on 30 June 2009: will the Minister deliver on his promise and negotiate a new energy contract to power Parliament House and electorate offices with renewable and clean energy from 1 July 2009; if not, why not; if so, how will point three be implemented.

Notice given 22 June 2009

1824 Senator Milne: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—

(1) Given that in 2007 the Australian Vertebrate Pests Committee identified Hog Deer as an invasive pest species that is widespread, does the Government agree with the Victorian Government’s pest management policy that includes the listing of Hog Deer as a protected threatened species under the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975.

(2) Given that Hog Deer is a known national pest found in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria, is there a consistent national approach to Hog Deer management including, but not limited to, the instruction for each state to eliminate this species; if not, why not; if so, can details be provided.

(3) In regard to the implementation of national strategies for pest eradication including the 2007 Australian Pest Animal Strategy and the 1996 National Strategy for the Conservation of Australia’s Biological Diversity, what action, if any, is the Commonwealth Government prepared to take to ensure ongoing cooperation and compliance from the Victorian Government in the implementation of such national strategies.
(4) (a) What is the extent of damage done by Hog Deer in Victoria, to Ramsar wetlands and Commonwealth-listed threatened species habitat (flora and fauna) and threatened plant communities; and (b) what actions must be undertaken by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to mitigate, eliminate and then remediate any affected areas.

(5) What is the Commonwealth Government doing to fulfil its obligations under the international Ramsar agreement.

(6) Given that the 2008 Threatened Species Scientific Committee has already identified that there is an increasing risk that Hog Deer will create widespread environmental damage of significant impact on areas such as sensitive ridges and wetlands, will the Commonwealth Government immediately instruct the Victorian Government to simultaneously implement contemporary pest control measures and a rigorous research program to eliminate Hog Deer; if not, why not.

Notice given 30 June 2009

1831 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—With reference to the department’s accreditation process for carbon neutral products, in particular, the Reflex Laser Carbon Neutral paper:

(1) How much of the paper’s carbon neutrality is achieved by purchasing carbon offsets.

(2) How much of the carbon neutrality is achieved by genuine changes to reduce carbon emissions as a result of the: (a) logging of native forests; (b) transport of pulp; and (c) production of the paper.

(3) If the carbon neutrality is achieved primarily from buying offsets, what guidelines does the department have in place to monitor the effectiveness of the offsets in reducing carbon emissions.

(4) Given that 50 per cent of the pulp for the paper is sourced from native forests in Tasmania and Victoria, does Reflex include the carbon emissions from the burning of forests after logging in its account of how much carbon is emitted from the production of the paper.

1832 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the Radiation Health Committee of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency:

(1) In light of the World Health Organization’s practice of not allowing industry to participate in standard setting or health risk assessment, can the Government give an unequivocal assurance that no member of the committee has received any remuneration from any sector of the power industry.

(2) Can the Minister give an assurance that the committee has reviewed a wide range of research into the health effects of radiation exposure as part of the process to set new standards; if so, can a list be provided of all the articles and research reviewed by the committee in setting the new standards for Extremely Low Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields exposure.
Notice given 2 July 2009

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1873-1909)—

(1) (a) Since November 2007, what is the total number of: (i) completed, and (ii) ongoing, consultancies in the portfolio/agency; and (b) for each consultancy: (i) who is the consultant, (ii) what is the subject matter, (iii) what are the terms of reference, (iv) what is its duration, (v) what will it cost, and (vi) what is the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc.).

(2) Can copies be provided of all the completed consultancies.

(3) (a) How many consultancies are planned or budgeted for: (i) 2009, and (ii) 2010; (b) have these been published in the Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website; if not, why not; and (c) in each case, what is the: (i) subject matter, (ii) duration, (iii) cost, (iv) method of procurement, and (v) name of the consultant if known.

1873 Minister representing the Prime Minister
1874 Minister representing the Minister for Education *(transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)*
1875 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1876 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion *(transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)*
1877 Minister representing the Treasurer
1878 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
1879 Minister for Defence
1880 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
1881 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
1882 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1884 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
1885 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
1886 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1887 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
1888 Minister for Climate Change and Water
1889 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
1890 Minister representing the Attorney-General
1891 Special Minister of State
1892 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1893 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
1894 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
1895 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
1896 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law *(transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 12 August 2009)*
1897 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
1898 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1899 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1900 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
1901 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009)
1902 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs (transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 12 August 2009)
1903 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
1904 Assistant Treasurer (transferred to the Minister representing the Treasurer on 12 August 2009)
1905 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009)
1906 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)
1907 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009)
1908 Minister representing the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (transferred to the Minister for Defence on 6 July 2009)
1909 Minister for Employment Participation (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)

Senator Barnett: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1910-1946)—

1. With reference to ministerial staff and departmental liaison officers for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, since November 2007: (a) how many positions exist; (b) how many staff are employed; (c) how many vacancies exist; (d) what are the levels of these positions; and (e) what is the total cost of staff employed in these respective offices on an annual basis.

2. Can a breakdown be provided of how many laptops, mobile phones and personal digital assistants (PDAs) the department provides to the office of each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary.

3. Are any departmental officers on secondment to the office of the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary; if so: (a) how many; and (b) to whom.

4. (a) How much did the department spend on hospitality for the: (i) 2008 calendar year, and (ii) 2008-09 financial year; and (b) can details be provided of each hospitality event, including the: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.

5. For the office of each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary: (a) what was the total amount spent on hospitality for the: (i) 2008 calendar year, and (ii) 2008-09 financial year; and (b) can details be provided of each hospitality event, including the: (i) date, (ii) location, (iii) purpose, and (iv) cost.

6. For the 2008-09 financial year, how much has the department spent on: (a) the hire of plants, either real or artificial; (b) the maintenance of these plants; (c) water coolers; and (d) television subscriptions.

7. How many government credit cards does the department currently have on issue.
(8) (a) How many credit cards have been reported lost; and (b) in relation to the credit cards that have been reported lost: (i) how many have been cancelled, (ii) how many remain active, and (iii) what is the potential credit liability from the lost cards that remain active.

1910 Minister representing the Prime Minister
1911 Minister representing the Minister for Education (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)
1912 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1913 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 July 2009)
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1919 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1920 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
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1922 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
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1926 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
1927 Minister representing the Attorney-General
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1929 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1930 Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy
1931 Minister representing the Minister for Tourism
1932 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
1933 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
1934 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
1935 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1936 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1937 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
1938 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 3 July 2009)
1939 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs
1940 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy
Senator Nash: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer given by the Minister to a question without notice (House of Representatives Hansard, 4 June 2009, p. 5782) in which he stated:

Wheat Exports Australia, in the information they have provided, have graphs on the three different markers: the Chicago Board of Trade for the international price, the Fremantle price and marker for the west coast price and Newcastle for the east coast price. Before these reforms were introduced, the Chicago price was consistently above what we were getting on the east coast of Australia or the west coast of Australia. But since growers were given a choice as to whom they wanted to sell to, first of all you find that on the east coast of Australia prices have gone up to close to parity with the Chicago price. But in Western Australia there has been a $35 a tonne premium above what they were previously getting, above the Chicago marker, since this was introduced:

What was the average price paid per tonne in the graphs used by the Minister.

Senator Nash: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—With reference to the answer given by the Minister to a question without notice (House of Representatives Hansard, 4 June 2009, p. 5782) in which he stated:

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What were the assumptions used by Wheat Exports Australia in producing each of the graphs.
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Is it a fact that these comparisons are not accurate because they do not take into account the fact that in previous years the Australian Wheat Board would have hedged a large proportion of the crop.

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Have the graphs and figures used been peer-reviewed; if so, by whom.

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Can a copy of the graphs be provided.

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In regard to the statement ‘a $35 a tonne premium above what they were previously getting’: (a) what years was the Minister referring to; and (b) what was the price per tonne received for each of the previous years the Minister was referring to.


Notice given 21 July 2009

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1957-1993)—For the department, each agency of the department and the offices of each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, in the 2008-09 financial year, how much was spent on: (a) bottled water; (b) bulk water; (c) cooler rental; (d) cooler hire; and (e) water delivery.

1957 Minister representing the Prime Minister
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1959 Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
1960 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion
1961 Minister representing the Treasurer
1962 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
1963 Minister for Defence
1964 Minister representing the Minister for Trade
1965 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs
1966 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
1967 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
1968 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation
1969 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
1970 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
1971 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
1972 Minister for Climate Change and Water
1973 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
1974 Minister representing the Attorney-General
1975 Special Minister of State
1976 Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
1979 Minister representing the Minister for Human Services
1980 Minister representing the Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law
1981 Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs
1982 Minister representing the Minister for Housing
1983 Minister representing the Minister for the Status of Women
1984 Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs
1985 Minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 22 July 2009)

1986 Minister representing the Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

1987 Minister representing the Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy

1988 Assistant Treasurer

1989 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 22 July 2009)

1990 Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth

1991 Minister representing the Minister for Sport (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing on 22 July 2009)

1992 Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science (transferred to the Minister for Defence on 23 July 2009)

1993 Minister for Employment Participation

Senator Abetz: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 1994-2030)—

(1) Has the Minister undertaken any media training since 24 November 2007; if so: (a) when; (b) who was the provider; and (c) what was the total cost.

(2) Have any of the Minister’s staff undertaken any media training since 24 November 2007; if so: (a) who, including their Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 classification; (b) when; (c) who was the provider; and (d) what was the total cost.

1995 Minister representing the Minister for Education (transferred to the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations on 23 July 2009)

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1997 Minister representing the Minister for Social Inclusion

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1999 Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

2000 Minister for Defence

2001 Minister representing the Minister for Trade

2002 Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2003 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing

2004 Minister representing the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

2005 Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation

2006 Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

2007 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

2008 Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

2009 Minister for Climate Change and Water

2010 Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the LPG [Liquefied Petroleum Gas] Vehicle Scheme in relation to the conversion of a new, used, petrol or diesel motor vehicle to LPG:

(1) For each financial year from 2006-07 to 2008-09, what was the total: (a) number of conversions; (b) cost of these conversions; (c) number of new car conversions; (d) number of used car conversions; (e) number of conversions by state; (f) cost of these conversions by state; (g) number of new car conversions by state; and (h) number of used car conversions by state.

(2) How many new car conversions were funded between 10 November 2008 and 30 June 2009.

(3) How much has been expended on the scheme in total since its inception.

(4) What was the original total budget of the scheme from the 2006-07 financial year until the 2013-14 financial year.

(5) For each financial year from 2009-10 to 2013-14, what is the current remaining budget for the scheme.
2032 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—

(1) For each of the final reports of the reviews of the national innovation system [Venturous Australia: building strength in innovation], Australia’s automotive industry [Review of Australia’s automotive industry: Final report: 22 July 2008] and the Australian textile, clothing and footwear industries [Building innovative capability: Review of the Australian textile, clothing and footwear industries], what were the: (a) design and pre-press costs; (b) printing costs; (c) total number of reports printed; and (d) total number of reports distributed.

(2) For each of the Government’s white paper responses to the reports in (1) above, what were the: (a) design and pre-press costs; (b) printing costs; (c) total number of white papers printed; and (d) total number of white papers distributed.

2033 **Senator Abetz:** To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With respect to the Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation and Industry:

(1) What are the portfolio responsibilities of the Parliamentary Secretary.

(2) How many staff, by classification, work in the office of the Parliamentary Secretary.

(3) Is a Departmental Liaison Officer a member of the Parliamentary Secretary’s staff.

(4) Does the Parliamentary Secretary have a private plated vehicle in Canberra; if so, what is the make and model.

*Notice given 22 July 2009*

2034 **Senator Cormann:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Has Dr George O’Neil manufactured naltrexone implants under the guidelines set out in Annex 13 of the Australian code of good manufacturing practice for medicinal products since August 2000 for use in both clinical trials and for use under the Special Access Scheme (SAS) of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

(2) (a) When was the decision taken to reinterpret the Special Access legislation so Dr O’Neil could no longer manufacture naltrexone implants for use under the SAS using a facility that had been given an Annex 13 Good Manufacturing Practice Licence; (b) who took that decision; and (c) if the decision was made under delegated authority by a TGA or departmental official: (i) was the Minister or the Minister’s office consulted before the decision was taken, and (ii) what was the reason for that decision.

(3) Was the Minister, the department or the TGA aware that the Western Australian Government had recently given a grant to Dr O’Neil to progress the approval process, specifically ‘As part of the funding arrangement, Dr O’Neil has been asked to agree to the appointment of an independent and qualified researcher with relevant drug and alcohol treatment expertise, to undertake a comprehensive review of the available records and data to confirm the quality, validity and applicability of the research material’.

(4) Given that this work was underway and the implants have been manufactured by Dr O’Neil for 9 years under the SAS, what justification does the Minister have for the decision to stop clinical use of the implants.

(5) Is the Minister aware that the Western Australian Australian Labor Party Shadow Minister for Health, Mr Roger Cook, on the announcement of the then proposed additional funding by the State Government stated ‘I am delighted that Dr George O’Neil and his team who fight drug addiction on a daily basis will finally get the support they deserve’.

(6) Does the Minister disagree with the statement in (5) above.

(7) Is the Minister aware of statements by Dr O’Neil that the decision to halt manufacture of the naltrexone implants will lead to an increase in the number of deaths from heroin overdose.

(8) Has the Minister considered the risk that the lack of availability of the naltrexone implants will contribute to an increased number of deaths from heroin overdose.

(9) What action has the Minister taken to prevent an increase in the rate of heroin overdose deaths as a result of the decision to prevent Dr O’Neil’s production of naltrexone implants into the future.

2035 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the redevelopment of the website www.pm.gov.au:

(1) What was the total cost of redeveloping the website.

(2) (a) Who redeveloped the website; and (b) if it was developed externally to the department, by what method was the contractor selected.

(3) (a) When did the department first receive instructions to redevelop the website; and (b) from whom did these instructions come.

(4) How long has it been since the website was last redeveloped.

(5) Can a list be provided of all redevelopments of www.pm.gov.au over the past 5 years, including the total cost for each.

(6) Was the new website, or any draft versions of the website, market-tested before going live; if so: (a) by whom; and (b) what was the total cost of the market testing.

(7) In relation to the Prime Minister’s blog [weblog]: (a) who moderates the blog; (b) for how many hours each day is the blog actively moderated; and (c) what is the daily cost of moderating the blog.

Notice given 27 July 2009

2036 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—Can details be provided of all grants, contracts, tenders etc. awarded to the Australian Institute for Commercialisation since 24 November 2007.

2037 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

(1) (a) Who are the members of the independent advisory panel that will assess applications to the Government’s recently announced Forest Industries Climate Change Research Fund (FICCRF); (b) what criteria were used to appoint these members; and (c) who selected the members of the panel.
(2) What measures are in place to ensure that there are no links between:
(a) members of the panel and grant applicants; and (b) members of the Rural Research and Development Council and grant applicants.

(3) Who are the members of the Forest and Wood Products Council which identified priorities for investment for the FICCRF.

(4) Who are the members of the forest industries ministerial advisory committee which identified priorities for investment for the FICCRF.

2038 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
(1) How many meetings in 2009 has the department, the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff, had with each of the following companies:
(a) International Power Australia Pty Ltd (owners of Hazelwood Power and Loy Yang B power stations);
(b) Great Energy Alliance Corporation or its shareholders;
(c) AGL Energy Limited;
(d) Tokyo Electric Power Company;
(e) Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund;
(f) Motor Trades Association of Australia Superannuation Fund;
(g) Westscheme;
(h) Statewide superannuation fund (owners of Loy Yang A power station); and
(i) TRUenergy or its parent company CLP Power Asia (owner of Yallourn power station).

(2) How many telephone conversations, emails or letters have been exchanged in 2009 between each of the companies or their lobbyists listed in (1) above and the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff.

(3) Given that many of the companies listed in (1) above have participated in previous government climate change programs and have benefited from in-kind or financial assistance from this participation:
(a) approximately how much financial and in-kind assistance have these companies received; and
(b) what kind of assistance has been provided.

2039 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister for Climate Change and Water—
(1) How many meetings in 2009 has the department, the Minister or her staff and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change or his staff, had with each of the following:
(a) companies or their industry representatives or lobbyists:
   (i) Rio Tinto,
   (ii) Alcoa of Australia Limited,
   (iii) BlueScope Steel Limited,
   (iv) BHP Billiton,
   (v) BP,
   (vi) Royal Dutch Shell plc,
   (vii) Chevron Corporation,
   (viii) Exxon Mobil,
(ix) Woodside Energy,
(x) Caltex Australia,
(xi) Anglo Coal Australia Pty Ltd, and
(xii) Adelaide Brighton Ltd; and
(b) industry associations:
   (i) the Australian Industry Group,
   (ii) the Australian Coal Association,
   (iii) the Business Council of Australia,
   (iv) the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
   (v) the National Generators Forum,
   (vi) the Energy Supply Association of Australia,
   (vii) the Australian Pipeline Industry Association,
   (viii) the Australian Aluminium Council,
   (ix) the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association,
   (x) the Cement Industry Federation,
   (xi) the Minerals Council of Australia, and
   (xii) the National Farmers’ Federation.

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   (a) approximately how much financial and in-kind assistance have these companies received; and
   (b) what kind of assistance has been provided.

Notice given 29 July 2009

2040 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—
For each financial year from 2000-01 to 2008-09:
(1) What were the vacancy rates in government funded residential aged care services for: (a) each state and territory; and (b) each aged care planning region.
(2) What was the average waiting time for access to an aged care placement after a person was assessed as requiring residential aged care for: (a) each state and territory; and (b) each aged care planning region.
(3) How many persons waited a period of 90 days or longer to receive a residential aged care placement in: (a) each state and territory; and (b) each aged care planning region.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Ministers listed below (Question Nos 2041-2042)—What is the current average daily cost of providing care to a: (a) patient in a hospital in each state and territory; and (b) resident in an aged care facility in each: (i) state and territory, and (ii) aged care planning region.

2041 Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing
2042 Minister representing the Minister for Ageing
Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—

(1) Is it correct that in the 2009-10 Budget the Government has allocated $200 million per year for Lucentis, and that each injection for treating macular degeneration costs (per vial) approximately $2,000.

(2) Is the Minister aware of research and international clinical practice that indicates Lucentis and Avastin provide an equivalent clinical outcome for patients with macular degeneration.

(3) Has the department, the Therapeutic Goods Administration or the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) considered this international experience and research, or done any other investigation as to whether Avastin would deliver an equivalent clinical outcome for patients with macular degeneration as Lucentis at a lower cost; if not, why not?

(4) Is the Minister aware that Avastin was recommended by New Zealand’s Pharmaceutical Management Agency (PHARMAC) for use in patients with macular degeneration.

(5) Has the department examined the experience in the United States of America (US), and specifically, is it correct that in the US Avastin is now used twice as often as Lucentis to treat macular degeneration.

(6) What would be the cost (per vial) for an injection of Avastin for the treatment of macular degeneration in Australia.

(7) Has the department or the PBAC considered the savings that could be made through the use of Avastin to treat macular degeneration; if not, why not?

(8) (a) Is the Minister, the department or the PBAC aware of claims that savings of approximately $100 million per year could be made to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) expenditure by encouraging the use of Avastin, whilst delivering an equivalent clinical outcome to products already listed on the PBS which are more expensive than Avastin; and (b) what is the view of the Minister, the department and/or the PBAC of this claim.

Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—Has the department received a Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists working party recommendation that it is clinically appropriate to use medications such as Avastin and Triamcinolone to treat blinding conditions as part of an intravitreal injection 42740 (Medicare Benefits Schedule item number) even though they do not have approval for this use by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA); if so: (a) when did the department receive the recommendation; (b) when was the recommendation forwarded to the Minister; (c) will the Minister, the department or the TGA respond to the recommendation; if so, when will that response be made; and (d) have there been delays in responding to the recommendation; if so, why.

Notice given 30 July 2009

Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing—With reference to the announced changes in the 2009-10 Budget to the Medicare rebate for cataract surgery:

(1) What evidence does the Minister have that cataract surgery requires only 15 to 20 minutes.
(2) What percentage of cases take: (a) less than 15 minutes; (b) 15 to
20 minutes; and (c) more than 20 minutes.

(3) Has the Minister assessed the anticipated growth in waiting lists that will be
caused by the announced changes to the Medicare rebate for cataract
surgery.

(4) Is the Minister aware that the longest waiting times for elective surgery in
The state of our public hospitals: June 2009 report was for ophthalmology,
mainly cataract surgery.

(5) (a) What was the average waiting time for cataract surgery in June 2008;
and (b) what was the percentage change in average waiting time for cataract
surgery between June 2008 and June 2009.

(6) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure that the most vulnerable
members of the community, including pensioners, are not forced onto long
public hospital waiting lists, or otherwise delayed or prevented from
accessing vital cataract surgery due to financial constraints.

Notice given 3 August 2009

2046 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and
Research—For each of the following, can a detailed breakdown be provided of
their employees’ geographical location:

(a) the department;
(b) the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies;
(c) the Australian Institute of Marine Science;
(d) the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation;
(e) the Australian Research Council;
(f) the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; and
(g) IP Australia.

2047 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the
Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to the approval decision
made under sections 130(1) and 133 of the Environment Protection and
Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the Act) in relation to the Beverley Four Mile
Uranium Mine (EPBC 2008/4252), dated 13 July 2009:

(1) Given that the condition in 1(g) stipulates that approval is required to
disturb Aboriginal artefacts or sites of significance in accordance with
‘relevant legislation’: is that legislation state/federal or both.

(2) Was the Minister aware that South Australian Aboriginal heritage
assessment processes on the area were incomplete at the time he announced
the decision.

(3) Apart from the invitation for comment required under the Act, can the
Minister outline the efforts that were taken to meet and consult with the
effected community regarding Aboriginal heritage protection issues prior to
the decision.

(4) Can the Minister confirm whether the Adnyamathanha custodians of
traditional knowledge have been provided with copies of anthropological
surveys carried out on the Beverley Four Mile area; if so, to whom were
these surveys provided.
(5) (a) Can the Minister confirm whether the company commenced operational work at the Beverley Four Mile extension before he had approved the plans under conditions 3, 4 and 7; and (b) has the Minister approved the plans under those conditions; if so, when.

(6) Has the proponent given a notification under condition 8; if so, when was this given.

(7) Can the Minister outline what measures will be taken to protect groundwater from radioactive contamination, or will the area be considered a sacrifice zone.

(8) (a) Is the Minister aware that acid in-situ leach mining is illegal in most Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development countries; and (b) is the Minister considering any law reform in relevant areas which would prohibit this form of mining in Australia; if not, why not.

(9) Does the previous record of the proponent play any part in the Minister’s considerations in assessing this project.

Notice given 4 August 2009

2048 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) What programs are currently in place to encourage social inclusion of senior Australians.

(2) How much funding has been allocated to support social inclusion within the 55 and over demographic.

(3) Are there any programs that specifically deal with encouraging social inclusion within senior Australians that do not speak English.

(4) How much funding has been allocated to support social inclusion within the demographic of senior Australians that do not speak English.

2049 Senator Cormann: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Ageing—

(1) On average, what percentage of funding that is allocated to a Community Aged Care Package (CACP) is used for case management purposes.

(2) What avenues exist for recipients of a CACP to negotiate how the provision of services is determined.

(3) Is the department aware of examples where recipients or families of recipients have determined how their CACP will be delivered.

(4) Is the department aware of any examples where recipients or families of recipients have taken responsibility for the case management of their CACP.

(5) Is the Minister or the department considering changes to allow recipients or their families to take responsibility for the case management of their CACP.

Notice given 6 August 2009

2050 Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—How many innovation councils, strategy groups, advisory groups etc are operated by the department and can the following details be provided for each: (a) a brief description of their function; and (b) their total annual operating costs including stipends, airfares, accommodation, incidentals etc.
Senator Abetz: To ask the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research—With reference to the appointment of Mr John Conomos AO and the Honourable Steve Bracks as envoys for the Australian automotive industry:

1. When do they commence work.
2. Have employment contracts been entered into; if so, can a copy of the contracts be provided.
3. Is there a formal job description; if so, can a copy of the job description be provided.
4. Is remuneration for each envoy agreed annually; if so, how much for each envoy.
5. If remuneration is not annual, how much per day will each envoy be paid.
6. How many days per year will each envoy work.

Senator Lundy: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Deregulation—Given the large amount of mail and website comments received by senators asking when the report of the review of pension indexation arrangements in Australian Government civilian and military superannuation schemes (the Matthews report) will be released, when will:

(a) the report be released; and
(b) the government response be made.

Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the department’s Intercountry Adoption Branch (IAB):

1. (a) When was the IAB established; and (b) how many full-time equivalent staff does it currently employ.
2. (a) How many new programs have been established since the IAB came into operation, including programs with new countries and expansion of programs with countries in which Australia had an existing adoption program; (b) how many applications have been submitted under these new programs; and (c) how many adoptions have been completed under these new programs.
3. (a) How many countries have been visited by officers of the department with a view to establishing a new program; and (b) how many potential new program assessments were ‘desk-based’.
4. Are Australians allowed to apply to adopt from any country that is a signatory to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (the Convention); if not, what legislation or policy prevents families from adopting from countries that are a signatory to the Convention.
5. What is the legal standing of the department’s Intercountry Adoption Strategic Plan 2008.
6. (a) Does Australia have a program with any of the five African countries that are signatories to the Convention (Burkina Faso, Guinea, Burundi, South Africa and Madagascar); (b) have any Australian families adopted children from any of these countries; and (c) are Australian families currently allowed to apply to adopt from any of these countries.
7. Given that Australians have adopted from Burkina Faso (during 2006 and 2007) and Burundi (during 2008), are other families allowed to apply to adopt children from these countries; if not: (a) what are the reasons for the change in Australian Government policy; and (b) what circumstances have changed in Burkina Faso, Burundi and Australia to require this change.
(8) (a) Are families from other Commonwealth countries and signatory countries to the Convention allowed to adopt from any of the five African countries mentioned in (6)(a) above; (b) on what basis has the intercountry adoption program between these African countries been halted or discouraged, whereas adoption continues between other countries where child trafficking concerns have been raised and documented, for example India; and (c) is preventing Australian families from applying to adopt from these African countries consistent with the findings of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services report, Overseas adoption in Australia: Report on the inquiry into adoption of children from overseas.

2054 Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—With reference to an article in The Age on 3 August 2009 concerning payments made through an offshore tax haven to Mr Donald McArthur, a lobbyist working for a Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) subsidiary, Securucy:

1. (a) Does the Government know when the Australian Federal Police (AFP) investigation into Securucy and Note Printing Australia is likely to finish; and (b) is the Government receiving briefings from the AFP on the progress of its investigation.

2. Has the Government started planning its own investigation into the governance of RBA subsidiaries Securucy and Note Printing Australia, once the AFP investigation is completed.

3. Has the Government requested an explanation from the RBA about Securucy’s employment of Mr McArthur; if so: (a) was the RBA overseeing approval of such payments; (b) how much money has Securucy paid the lobbyist; and (c) is the lobbyist still employed by Securucy.

4. Are government-funded entities, such as Securucy, required to check on convictions for fraud, corporate law offences, civil actions or bankruptcy of the businesses and individuals they employ or engage.

5. What guidelines/regulations are in place to ensure Securucy has not paid bribes to obtain contracts in other countries.

2055 Senator Ludlam: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy—Given that the draft Parsons Brinckerhoff report on proposed sites for a nuclear waste dump was provided to the department on 28 July 2008 and subsequent reports, namely the CH2M HILL’s peer review, the Parsons Brinckerhoff’s response to the peer review and the final Parsons Brinckerhoff report were provided to the Minister on 19 March 2009, and given that an article in The Australian on 24 July 2009 stated that a ‘spokesman for Mr Ferguson said the minister was awaiting reports on the appropriateness of a series of possible dump sites in the Northern Territory’:

1. Which additional reports was the spokesman referring to.

2. Who commissioned these additional reports.

3. What issues and sites are these additional reports examining.

4. Who is conducting this additional work.

5. When does the Minister expect these reports to be provided to him.

6. Is the Minister considering any potential dump sites outside of the Northern Territory.
Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Given that the management plan for the endangered swift parrot expired 4 years ago: (a) when will the Government be releasing a new management plan for the swift parrot; (b) why has there been a 4-year delay in implementing a new plan for this endangered species; and (c) how many other endangered species have no current management plan in place.

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Prime Minister—With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1764, which stated that on 4 October 2007, the Governor-General granted the ASIO [Australian Security Intelligence Organisation] Headquarters building project… an exemption from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works… scrutiny, declaring that the work is for defence purposes’: on what grounds was the ASIO headquarters held to be ‘for defence purposes’.

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister for Defence—With reference to the article by Mr Jeff Sharlet in the May 2009 issue of Harper’s Magazine, ‘Jesus killed Mohammed: The crusade for a Christian military’: is the Government aware of the evangelical activity in the operations of the United States of America (US) in Afghanistan: (a) if so, what action has the Government taken to ensure this activity does not endanger Australians on duty in Afghanistan; and (b) if not, will the Government pursue the matters raised in the article with US officials; if not, why not.

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Treasurer—

(1) On what equitable basis did the Treasurer approve the purchase of six rural properties near Gunnedah, New South Wales, by the Chinese-owned corporation Shenhua Watermark.

(2) Is the Treasurer assured of reciprocity between China and Australia in such dealings, that is, that an Australian corporation could purchase six similar properties in China.

(3) Besides the recommendation from the Foreign Investment Review Board, what due diligence was undertaken by the Treasurer in making his decision.

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—

With reference to the answer to question on notice no. 1765, concerning the Commonwealth Public Interest and Test Cases Scheme:

(1) Can a list be provided of the broad types of cases that come under each category (for example, for family law were the cases regarding custody of children, divorce proceedings, family violence, etc).

(2) How much money was spent on each unidentified case.

(3) Who broadly had successful applications (for example, individuals, unions, companies, community legal centres, etc).
Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—With reference to Government support of the development for the Beverley Four Mile Uranium Mine in South Australia in line with the decision taken at the 2007 Australian Labor Party National Conference to abandon the no-new-uranium mines policy: why is a similar respect not shown by the Government to the decision at the conference to seek World Heritage nomination for Antarctica.

Senator Bob Brown: To ask the Minister representing the Attorney-General—With reference to the decision in the case of Pape v Commissioner of Taxation: (a) will federal payments continue to local government for: (i) roads, and (ii) infrastructure; and (b) if there are questions surrounding the constitutionality of these payments, what action is the Government considering to ensure local councils can continue to rely on these revenue streams.

Notice given 12 August 2009

Senator Scullion: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services—Given that Centrelink administers the Newstart Allowance, the Youth Allowance and the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program:

(a) (i) how many CDEP participants are employed or registered in communities in central Australia (including Kintore, Papunya, Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Mutitjulu, Docker River, Finke, St Teresa, Ti Tree, Utopia, Lake Nash, Ali Curung, Willowra, or any other communities in the region with 20 or more recipients or participants), and (ii) can a breakdown be provided, by community or location, of these numbers; and

(b) can a breakdown be provided, by community or location, of the number of people in receipt of Newstart Allowance and/or Youth Allowance.

Senator Cash: To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations—With reference to the Jobs and Training Compact (the Compact):

(1) (a) What are the 12 distinct initiatives of the Compact; and (b) what are the key performance indicators for each initiative.

(2) As at 13 August 2009, what is the current performance of each initiative as measured against each of its key performance indicators.

(3) For each initiative, when will: (a) detailed information be made public on its performance; and (b) any information be made public on its performance.

(4) Will there be regular public reports released on the monitoring and evaluation of each initiative.

(5) For each of the past 5 calendar years, what is the total Commonwealth Government contribution to: (a) the Compact; and (b) each of the 12 distinct initiatives of the Compact.
(6) For each initiative: (a) have the key performance indicators been finalised; if so, on what date were they finalised; (b) on what date were the key performance indicators made available to stakeholders; and (c) on what date were the key performance indicators made public.

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Committees

1 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.)

*2 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, 13 August 2009, from 10 am to 11.30 am, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific.

(Agreed to 12 August 2009.)

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

(Agreed to 18 March 2008.)

*4 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Authorisation to meet
That the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate from 12.30 pm to 2 pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories, on Wednesday, 19 August 2009, Wednesday, 9 September 2009 and Wednesday, 16 September 2009.

(Agreed to 12 August 2009.)

5 Privileges—Standing Committee—Adoption of 94th report recommendation
That the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as amicus curiae if either the action for defamation against Mr David Armstrong or a similar action against Mr William O’Chee is set down for trial.

(Agreed to 4 September 2000.)

Estimates

6 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.)

**7 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.)

**8 2007-08 Additional estimates—Answers to questions**

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

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

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs Friday, 11 April 2008
- Economics Friday, 11 April 2008
9 2008-09 Budget estimates—Answers to questions
The dates set by standing committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2008-09 Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment, Communications, and the Arts — Thursday, 31 July 2008
- Finance and Public Administration — Friday, 11 July 2008
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs — Thursday, 10 July 2008
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport — Friday, 18 July 2008

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs — Friday, 1 August 2008
- Economics — Friday, 1 August 2008
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations — Friday, 1 August 2008
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade — Thursday, 31 July 2008

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

10 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.

11 2009-10 Budget estimates—Answers to questions
The dates set by legislation committees for answering questions taken on notice during the 2009-10 Budget estimates are as follows:

**Group A:**
- Environment, Communications, and the Arts — Friday, 31 July 2009
- Finance and Public Administration — Friday, 10 July 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs — Monday, 13 July 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport — Wednesday, 22 July 2009

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs — Thursday, 30 July 2009
- Economics — Friday, 31 July 2009
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations — Friday, 31 July 2009
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade — Thursday, 30 July 2009

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

12 Senate consideration—Order of business—Rearrangement and variation

That, commencing from 9.30 am on Wednesday, 24 June 2009, the orders of the day for the following bills, deemed urgent by the Government:

- Rural Adjustment Amendment Bill 2009
- Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009
- Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009
- Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009,

as well as the order of the day relating to Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2009-2010 and two related bills, be called on and determined before the order of the day relating to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills is called on.

(Agreed to 23 June 2009; varied 11 August 2009.)

That, the order of the Senate agreed to on 23 June 2009 relating to the order of business, be varied to provide that, for the remainder of this sitting week, the order of the day relating to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 may be considered prior to the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009.

Meeting of Senate

13 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.)
14 **Hours of meeting and routine of business—Variation**

That, on Thursday, 13 August 2009:

(a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7 pm to adjournment;

(b) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from 3.45 pm shall be government business only;

(c) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;

(d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and

(e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and related bills.

(*Agreed to 25 June 2009.*)

**Orders for production of documents**

15 **Defence—Procurement projects—Order for production of document**

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

(*Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 15 May 2008; document tabled 19 June 2008.*)

16 **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.*)

17 **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; statements by leave made 27 August and 1 September 2008.*)
18 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; statements by leave made 4 September and 15 September 2008.)

19 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; statements by leave made 5 February and 11 February 2009; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

20 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.)

21 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:


(v) 2008/066297 CARE & ACCESS – POLICY – Development – Private Health Insurance Reforms 2008 – Policy Development & Implementation (PD&I) Section – ACPHI, and


(Motion of Senator Cormann agreed to 11 March 2009; documents tabled 16 March 2009 and presented 23 April and 1 May 2009.)

22 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; statement by leave made 17 March 2009; document presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

23 Communications—National Broadband Network—Order for production of documents—Consideration of legislation

(1) That the Senate notes that the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) is in contempt of the Senate for his failure to comply with a Senate order of 4 February 2009 for the production of documents relating to the National Broadband Network (NBN) tender process.

(2) That there be laid on the table by 6.50 pm on Wednesday, 13 May 2009:
   (a) the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s formal report on the 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.

(3) That if the Government continues to refuse to comply with the orders of the Senate for the provision of these documents, consideration of any bill relating to the Government’s ‘new national broadband network’ be postponed and made an order of the day for the next day of sitting after the documents described in (2)(a) and (2)(b) are laid on the table.

(Motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin) agreed to 13 May 2009.)

24 Employment—Employment Services Contract 2009-12—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Employment Participation, no later than 5 pm on Monday, 22 June 2009:

   (a) all communications and logs of communications, including emails, between tenderers for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation (Mr O’Connor) and his staff;
   (b) all purchasing related inquiries, including records of phone calls and emails which were made to the former Minister for Employment Participation and his staff and the responses provided;
   (c) all communications and logs of communications between current service providers and tenderers during the probity period for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation and his staff; and
   (d) all documentation relating to any meeting with current service providers or tenderers for the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 and the former Minister for Employment Participation and/or his staff.

(Motion of Senator Fifield agreed to 18 June 2009; documents tabled 22 June and 11 August 2009.)
25 Trade—Illegal timber imports—Order for production of documents

That there be laid on the table by 4 pm on 11 August 2009:

(a) any documents or advice prepared by or for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) since the Government came to power, relating to legal and policy issues surrounding illegal timber imports and options for addressing such imports;

(b) all material provided to the Centre for International Economics relating to the development of the Regulatory Impact Statement for illegal timber legislation options; and

(c) any correspondence from or to DAFF or DFAT, relating to illegal timber imports since the Government came to power, including but not limited to correspondence from other departments.

(Motion of Senator Milne agreed to 25 June 2009; documents tabled 11 August 2009.)

26 Economics—Productivity Commission—Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Order for production of documents

(1) That the Senate calls on the Government to make a reference to the Productivity Commission requiring modelling of alternative emissions trading schemes including:

(a) a conventional baseline-and-credit scheme;

(b) an intensity model;

(c) a carbon tax;

(d) a consumption-based carbon tax; and

(e) the McKibbin model;

with a view to determining which scheme design (including the Government’s Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) and schemes with higher targets) provides the best environmental and economic outcomes.

(2) That the Productivity Commission’s report on modelling under paragraph (1) be laid on the table by 6 August 2009 to inform the debate on the CPRS bills.

(3) That there be laid on the table by 6 August 2009 all documents held by the Productivity Commission relating to the design and economic impacts of the Government’s CPRS.

(Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 25 June 2009; documents presented 6 August 2009 and tabled 11 August 2009.)

Question time

27 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.)

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.

TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

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

CATEGORIES OF COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

- Legislative and General Purpose (including Legislation and References committees)
  Community Affairs
  Economics
  Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
  Environment, Communications and the Arts
  Finance and Public Administration
  Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
  Legal and Constitutional Affairs
  Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

- Legislative Scrutiny
  Regulations and Ordinances
  Scrutiny of Bills

- Standing (Domestic)
  Appropriations and Staffing
  House
  Library
  Privileges
  Procedure
  Publications
  Selection of Bills
  Senators’ Interests
Select Committees
Agricultural and Related Industries
Climate Policy (final report—15 June 2009)
Fuel and Energy
Housing Affordability in Australia (final report—16 June 2008)
Men’s Health (final report—29 May 2009)
National Broadband Network
Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities
State Government Financial Management (final report—18 September 2008)

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

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

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COMMITTEES

Agricultural and Related Industries—Select Committee
(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
Current inquiries

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market (referred 14 February 2008; interim reports presented 2 December 2008 and 30 June 2009; final reporting date: 20 August 2009)

Food production in Australia (referred 25 June 2008; interim report presented 18 June 2009; final reporting date: 27 November 2009)

Incidenc and severity of bushfires across Australia (referred 12 May 2009)

Reports presented

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

Food production in Australia—Interim report (tabled 18 June 2009)

Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—Second interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee


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)

47th report—Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2009-10 (tabled 14 May 2009)

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee


Members

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

Current inquiry


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)
Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2007-08 (tabled 16 June 2009)

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee

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)
Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2007-08 (tabled 17 June 2009)

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee

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

Climate Policy—Select Committee
(appointed 11 March 2009; reporting date varied 13 May 2009; final report tabled 15 June 2009)

Members
Senator Colbeck (Chair), Senator Milne (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boswell, Cash, Cameron, Feeney, Furner, Macdonald, Pratt and Xenophon

Participating members
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)
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)
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)
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)


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

Grasping the opportunity of Opal: Assessing the impact of the Petrol Sniffing Strategy (tabled 19 March 2009)

Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Report on matters not disposed of by the Community Affairs Committee (tabled 13 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Members
Senator Moore (Chair), Senator Siewert (Deputy Chair), and Senators Adams, Boyce, Carol Brown and Furner

Participating members

Current inquiry

Reports presented
Compliance audits on Medicare benefits—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Parry, on 10 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
Compliance audits on Medicare benefits (tabled 17 June 2009)
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)
Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009 (presented to the President on 5 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers (presented to the President on 6 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Community Affairs References Committee

Members
Senator Siewert (Chair), Senator Moore (Deputy Chair), and Senators Adams, Boyce, Carol Brown and Williams

Participating members

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

Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports (tabled 25 June 2009)

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee

Members

Mr Ripoll (Chair), Senator Mason (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boyce, Farrell, McLucas 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)
Agribusiness managed investment schemes (adopted 27 May 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

To 14 May 2009—

Economics—Standing Committee

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)
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)
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)
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)
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)

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)


Joint marketing arrangements on the North West Shelf project (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 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)


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

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

Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 14 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Carol Brown, on 16 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 30 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)
Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009 and Australian Business Investment Partnership (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2009 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)


On and from 14 May 2009—

Economics Legislation Committee

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

Members
Senator Hurley (Chair), Senator Eggleston (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Joyce, Pratt and Xenophon

Participating members

Current inquiries


* Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009 (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009)

* Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009 (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 24 November 2009)

Reports presented
Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and related bills [Provisions] (tabled 15 June 2009)


Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009 and related bills [Provisions]—Interim report (presented to the President on 28 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (presented to the President on 28 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Economics References Committee

Members
Senator Eggleston (Chair), Senator Hurley (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Joyce, Pratt and Xenophon

Participating members

Current inquiries
Bank mergers (referred 24 November 2008; reporting date: by 17 September 2009)
Foreign investment in Australia (referred 18 March 2009; reporting date: 17 September 2009)
Unlimited deposit and wholesale funding guarantees (referred 23 June 2009; reporting date: 15 September 2009)
Operation of employee share schemes in Australia (referred 23 June 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)
* GROCERYchoice website (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 26 October 2009)

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
To 14 May 2009—

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Standing Committee
(formerly Employment, Workplace Relations and Education; name amended 13 February 2008)

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)
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)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Members
Senator Marshall (Chair), Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Cash, Collins and Hanson-Young

Substitute member
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Senator Siewert to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Participating members

Current inquiry
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 18 June 2009; reporting date: 10 September 2009)
Reports presented

Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)
Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
[Provisions] (presented to the President on 5 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee

Members
Senator Humphries (Chair), Senator Marshall (Deputy Chair), and Senators Back, Cash, Collins and Hanson-Young

Substitute member
Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change—Senator Milne to replace Senator Hanson-Young

Participating members

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: 17 September 2009)
Welfare of international students (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 16 November 2009)

Report presented
DEEWR tender process to award employment services contracts (tabled 25 June 2009)

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 14 February 2008)

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

Current inquiry

Reports presented
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)
Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto (tabled 23 June 2009)

**ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS**

**To 14 May 2009—**

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

Reports presented
Additional estimates 2007-08, dated March 2008 (tabled 18 March 2008)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2008), dated March 2008 (tabled 20 March 2008)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bishop, on 30 April 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008—Interim report (presented to the President on 7 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008 (presented to the President on 9 May 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 13 May 2008)
Effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice—Interim report (presented to the Deputy President on 6 June 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 16 June 2008)
The effectiveness of the broadcasting codes of practice (tabled 19 June 2008)
Budget estimates 2008-09, dated June 2008 (tabled 24 June 2008)
Sexualisation of children in the contemporary media (tabled 26 June 2008)
Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [No. 2] and related matters—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Marshall, on 15 August 2008, pursuant to standing order 38(7); 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)
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)
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—Interim final report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 24 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)
The operation of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—Second report [Final] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 30 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)
Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)
The reporting of sports news and the emergence of digital media (tabled 14 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—
Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee

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

Members
Senator McEwen (Chair), Senator Birmingham (Deputy Chair), and Senators Ludlam, Lundy, Troeth and Wortley

Participating members

Current inquiries
Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009 (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 17 September 2009)
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)

Report presented
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)
Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee

Members
Senator Birmingham (Chair), Senator McEwen (Deputy Chair), and Senators Boswell, Ludlam, Troeth and Wortley

Substitute member
Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Wortley

Participating members

Current inquiries
Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands (referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 17 September 2009)
* The impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin (referred 12 August 2009; reporting date: 26 October 2009)

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

To 14 May 2009—

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee

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)
Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (tabled 17 March 2009)
Annual reports (No. 1 of 2009), dated March 2009 (tabled 19 March 2009)
Residential and community aged care in Australia (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 29 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009) and correction (tabled 12 May 2009)

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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

Members
Senator Polley (Chair), Senator Bernardi (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron, Collins, Ryan and Siewert

Substitute member
National Security Legislation Monitor Bill 2009—Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Siewert

Participating members

Current inquiries
Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009 (referred 17 June 2009; reporting date: 8 September 2009)

Reports presented
Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 (tabled 15 June 2009) and correction (tabled 16 June 2009)
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senator Polley† (Deputy Chair), and Senators Cameron†, Parry, Ryan and Siewert

†Senator Cameron has been elected deputy chair of the committee for the committee’s inquiry into the relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd, while Senator Crossin is substituting for Senator Polley

Substitute member
The relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Polley
Participating members

Current inquiry
The relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (referred 14 May 2009; reporting date: 30 October 2009)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 14 February 2008; resolution of appointment varied 19 March 2009)
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, Ms J Bishop, Mr Danby, Ms AL Ellis, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Gibbons, Ms Grierson, Mr Hale, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs Markus, Mr Murphy, Mr Oakeshott, Ms Parke, Ms Rea, Mr Ripoll, Mr Robert, Mr Ruddock, Ms Saffin, Mr Scott and Ms Vamvakinou

Current inquiries
Australia’s trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America (referred 4 June 2008)
Human rights mechanisms and the Asia-Pacific (referred 3 September 2008)

Reports presented
Inquiry into Australia’s relationship with ASEAN (tabled 24 June 2009)
Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal workers and their families (tabled 25 June 2009)
Australia’s relationship with India as an emerging world power (presented to the President on 7 July 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Standing Committee
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)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Foreign Affairs and Trade; Defence (including Veterans’ Affairs)

Members
Senator Bishop (Chair), Senator Trood (Deputy Chair), and Senators Farrell, Forshaw, Kroger and Ludlam

Participating members

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

Report presented
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Members
Senator Trood (Chair), Senator Bishop (Deputy Chair), and Senators Ferguson, Forshaw, Kroger and Ludlam
Participating members

Current inquiry
Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific (referred 24 June 2008; interim report presented 27 May 2009; final reporting date: 21 August 2009)

Report presented
Inquiry into the major economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—Interim report (presented to the President on 27 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)

Fuel and Energy—Select Committee
(appointed 25 June 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008 and 16 June 2009; reporting date: 21 October 2009)
Members
Senator Cormann (Chair), Senator Hutchins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bushby, Fifield, Joyce and McEwen

Participating members

Report presented
The CPRS: Economic cost without environmental benefit—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator McGauran, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

House—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), the Deputy President, and Senators Crossin, Heffernan, Parry, Stephens and Wortley
Housing Affordability in Australia—Select Committee  
(appointed 14 February 2008; final report tabled 16 June 2008)  

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

Participating members  

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

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee  

Members  
Mr Bevis (Chair), Mr Ruddock (Deputy Chair), and Senators Forshaw, Marshall, McGauran and Trood and Mr Dreyfus, Mrs Hull and Mr Melham  

Current inquiries  
Review of listings of certain terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code Act 1995  
(statutory responsibility)  
Review of administration and expenditure no. 6 – Australian intelligence 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)  
Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Islam, AAA, IAA, IMU, JeM and LeJ as terrorist organisations (tabled 15 June 2009)  
Review of the re-listing of Hizballah’s External Security Organisation (ESO) as a terrorist organisation (tabled 25 June 2009)
LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

To 14 May 2009—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee

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)


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


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)

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)

Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 (tabled 19 March 2009)

Evidence Amendment (Journalists’ Privilege) Bill 2009 [Provisions], Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] and Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim reports (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Barnett, on 7 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)


Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 13 May 2009) and corrigendum (presented to the President on 1 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Portfolios
Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

Members
Senator Crossin (Chair), Senator Barnett (Deputy Chair), and Senators Feeney, Fisher, Ludlam and Marshall

Substitute members
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—

Senator Hutchins to replace Senator Feeney
Senator Polley to replace Senator Marshall

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam

Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Ludlam
Participating members


Current inquiries

Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009 (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 28 October 2009)
Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009 (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 7 September 2009)
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 (referred 25 June 2009; reporting date: 26 November 2009)
Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009 (referred 25 June 2009; interim report presented 7 August 2009; final reporting date: 17 August 2009)

Reports presented

AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009 (tabled 18 June 2009)
Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)
Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009—Interim report (presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
Personal Property Securities Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Interim report (presented to the President on 7 August 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

Members

Senator Barnett (Chair), Senator Crossin (Deputy Chair), and Senators Feeney, Fisher, Ludlam and Trood

Participating members

Current inquiries
Access to justice (referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)
Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges (referred 19 March 2009; reporting date: 17 August 2009)

Library—Standing Committee
Members
The President (Chair), and Senators Barnett, Bilyk, Cameron, Fielding, Hutchins and Trood

Men’s Health—Select Committee
(appointed 13 November 2008; final report presented to the Deputy President on 29 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
Members
Senator Bernardi (Chair), Senators Adams, Lundy, Sterle, Troeth and Williams
Participating members

Migration—Joint Standing Committee
(appointed 14 February 2008)
Members
Mr Danby (Chair), Mrs DS Vale (Deputy Chair), and Senators Bilyk, Boyce, 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)
Reports 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)
Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention—Second report of the inquiry into immigration detention in Australia (tabled 15 June 2009)
National Broadband Network—Select Committee
Members
  Senator Fisher (Chair), Senator Nash (Deputy Chair), and Senators Birmingham, Ludlam, Lundy, Macdonald and Sterle
Participating members
Reports presented
  Interim report (tabled 2 December 2008) and correction (tabled 16 March 2009)
  Another fork in the road to national broadband—Second interim report (tabled 12 May 2009)

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee
(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)
Reports 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)
  Inquiry into the immigration bridge proposal (presented to the President on 29 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)

Parliamentary Library—Joint Standing Committee
(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
Privileges—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Brandis (Chair), Senator Collins (Deputy Chair), and Senators Hurley, Johnston, McLucas, O’Brien and Payne

Current inquiries
Whether any adverse action was taken against Mr Godwin Grech in consequence of his evidence before the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009, and, if so, whether any contempt of the Senate was committed in that regard (referred 24 June 2009)

* In relation to the hearing of the Economics Legislation Committee on 19 June 2009 on the OzCar program:
   (a) whether there was any false or misleading evidence given, particularly by reference to a document that was later admitted to be false;
   (b) whether there was any improper interference with the hearing, particularly by any collusive prearrangement of the questions to be asked and the answers to be given for an undisclosed purpose,
   and, if so, whether any contempt was committed in that regard (referred 12 August 2009)

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

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

Current inquiries
Review of the operation of the order of the Senate agreed to 13 May 2009 relating to committee proceedings and public interest immunity claims (referred 13 May 2009; reporting date: 20 August 2009)
Proposed amendment to standing order 175(3) in relation to a senator caring for an infant (referred 22 June 2009; reporting date: 7 September 2009)

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)
Second report of 2009—The Senate committee system (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Humphries, on 16 April 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

Publications—Standing Committee
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)
9th report (tabled 19 March 2009)
10th report (tabled 14 May 2009)
11th report (tabled 25 June 2009)

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee
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, Ms King, Mr Neumann and Mr Robert
Current inquiries
Review of Auditor-General’s reports (statutory responsibility)
Biannual public hearing with the Commissioner of Taxation (adopted 12 March 2008)
Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the ‘Guidelines on Campaign Advertising’ (adopted 15 October 2008)

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 documents presented
Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2008-09 (tabled 14 May 2008)
Statement on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2009-10 (tabled 13 May 2009)

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee

Members
Senator McLucas (Chairman), Senator Troeth (Vice-Chairman), and Senator Forshaw and Mr Champion, Mr Forrest, Ms Hall, Mr Lindsay, Mr Price and Mr Slipper

Reports presented
Seventy-first annual report (First report of 2008) (tabled 19 March 2008)
Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan (Fourth report of 2008) (tabled 19 March 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)
Seventy-second annual report (tabled 10 March 2009)
Referral made February 2009: Redevelopment of RAAF Base Edinburgh, Adelaide, South Australia (Second report of 2009) (presented to the President on 26 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities—Select Committee
(appointed 19 March 2008; resolution of appointment varied 13 November 2008; reporting dates varied 12 February and 15 June 2009; reporting dates: 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
Reports 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)
  Second report 2009 (presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Regulations and Ordinances—Legislative Scrutiny Committee
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)
  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

To 14 May 2009—

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee

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)
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)
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)

Additional estimates 2008-09, dated March 2009 (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Crossin, on 31 March 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 12 May 2009)

On and from 14 May 2009—

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**


Portfolios

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

Members

Senator Sterle (Chair), Senator Nash (Deputy Chair), and Senators Heffernan, Hutchins, O’Brien and Siewert

Participating members


Reports presented


Budget estimates 2009-10, dated June 2009 (tabled 23 June 2009)

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**


Members

Senator Nash (Chair), Senator Sterle (Deputy Chair), and Senators Heffernan, McGauran, Milne and O’Brien

Substitute members

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

Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities—Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Milne
Participating members


Current inquiries

Natural resource management and conservation challenges (referred 26 June 2008; reporting date varied 11 August 2009; reporting date: 18 August 2009)
Public passenger transport in Australia (referred 4 December 2008; reporting date: 20 August 2009)
Rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities (referred 16 June 2009; reporting date: 30 August 2009)

Reports presented

Implementations for the long-term sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—Interim report [matters specified in part (2)] (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 22 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
Import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines—Interim report (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Bernardi, on 22 May 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
Matters relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania (tabled 25 June 2009)
Implications for long-term sustainable management of the Murray Darling Basin system—Final report (presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
Import risk analysis (IRA) for the importation of Cavendish bananas from the Philippines (presented to the President on 25 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)
Meat marketing (presented to the Temporary Chair of Committees, Senator Moore, on 30 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 11 August 2009)

Scrutiny of Bills—Legislative Scrutiny Committee


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)
No. 5 of 2009 (tabled 13 May 2009)
No. 6 of 2009 (presented to the President on 2 June 2009, pursuant to standing order 38(7); tabled 15 June 2009)
No. 7 of 2009 (tabled 17 June 2009)
No. 8 of 2009 (tabled 24 June 2009)
* No. 9 of 2009 (tabled 12 August 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)
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Document presented

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Selection of Bills—Standing Committee


Members

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Reports presented

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Senators’ Interests—Standing Committee

Members
Senator Johnston (Chair), Senator Forshaw (Deputy Chair), and Senators Adams, Bilyk, Bob Brown, Fifield, Humphries and Pratt

Notifications of alterations of interests
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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

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
(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

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee
(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 96—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (tabled 24 November 2008)
Report 97—Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008 (tabled 4 December 2008)
Report 100—Treaties tabled on 25 June 2008 (tabled 19 March 2009)
Report 101—Treaties tabled on 3 February 2009 (tabled 16 June 2009)
SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Advisory Council on Australian Archives
Senator Lundy (appointed 12 March 2008, for a period of 3 years).

Council of the National Library of Australia
Senator Trood (appointed 13 June 2007, for a period of 3 years).

Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust
Senators O’Brien and Ferguson (appointed 12 March 2008 and 1 July 2008, respectively).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate
### Ministerial Representation

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| Senator the Honourable Christopher Evans (Chris)  
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  Leader of the Government in the Senate | Prime Minister  
  Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
  Minister for Housing |
| Senator the Honourable John Faulkner  
  Minister for Defence  
  Vice-President of the Executive Council | Minister for Foreign Affairs  
  Minister for Veterans’ Affairs  
  Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science |
| Senator the Honourable Stephen Conroy  
  Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy  
  Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate | Minister for Finance and Deregulation  
  Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government |
| Senator the Honourable Kim Carr  
  Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research | Minister for Education  
  Minister for Trade  
  Minister for Resources and Energy  
  Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy |
| Senator the Honourable Penelope Wong (Penny)  
  Minister for Climate Change and Water | Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts  
  Attorney-General  
  Minister for Tourism  
  Minister for the Status of Women  
  Minister for Home Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Joseph Ludwig (Joe)  
  Special Minister of State  
  Cabinet Secretary  
  Manager of Government Business in the Senate | Minister for Health and Ageing  
  Minister for Human Services  
  Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery  
  Minister for Ageing |
| Senator the Honourable Nicholas Sherry (Nick)  
  Assistant Treasurer | Treasurer  
  Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
  Minister for Financial Services, Superannuation and Corporate Law  
  Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs |
| Senator the Honourable Mark Arbib  
  Minister for Employment Participation  
  Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Government Service Delivery | Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
  Minister for Social Inclusion  
  Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth  
  Minister for Sport |

### Parliamentary Secretary

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| Senator the Honourable Ursula Stephens  
  Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion  
  Parliamentary Secretary for the Voluntary Sector |

*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

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