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This is a list of all bills before the Parliament for the 2008 calendar year to date

Abbreviations

AD	Australian Democrats [Dem]	CID	Consideration in Detail stage (House of Representatives)
AG	Australian Greens	ED	Exposure Draft
ALP	Australian Labor Party [Govt]	PM	Private Member's bill
FFP	Family First Party	PS	Private Senator's bill
Ind	Independent	R	Restored to <i>Notice Paper</i>
LP	Liberal Party of Australia [Opp]	S	Senate bill
NATS	The Nationals [Opp]	SBC	Selection of Bills Committee

PS A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Improved Access to Baby Bonus) Amendment Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* to abolish the age restriction to enable all adoptive parents access to the baby bonus scheme.

Senate: Intro. 20/3/08; 2nd reading adjourned 20/3/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills to increase the luxury car tax rate from 1 July 2008, the bill amends the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Act 1999* to impose a 33 per cent tax rate on taxable supplies and imported luxury cars, calculated on the value that exceeds the luxury car tax threshold, to the extent that it is a duty of customs.

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills to increase the luxury car tax rate from 1 July 2008, the bill amends the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Act 1999* to impose a 33 per cent tax rate on taxable supplies and imported luxury cars, calculated on the value that exceeds the luxury car tax threshold, to the extent that it is a duty of excise.

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills to increase the luxury car tax rate from 1 July 2008, the bill amends the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Act 1999* to impose a 33 per cent tax rate on taxable supplies and imported luxury cars, calculated on the value that exceeds the luxury car tax threshold, to the extent that it is neither a duty of customs nor a duty of excise.

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Amends the *Aged Care Act 1997*, *Aged Care (Bond Security) Act 2006* and *Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Act 2006* to: simplify the fees and charges paid by residents of aged care facilities and the subsidies paid by the Commonwealth Government for residents who are unable to meet their own care and accommodation costs; broaden eligibility for community care grants for providers of Community Aged Care Packages and to providers of certain flexible care types; extend the application of aged care legislation to include Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands; and make technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 13/2/08

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 14/2/08

Assent: 18/2/08; Act No. 1, 2008

PS Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*, *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* to: establish the Responsible Advertising of Alcohol Division within the Australian Communications and Media Authority to monitor the advertising of alcohol; limit the times at which alcohol products are advertised on radio and television and impose a penalty for breaches; and provide for the labelling of alcohol products to include certain health information.

Senate: Intro. 19/9/07; 2nd reading adjourned 19/9/07

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/08

SBC report 1/08 (tabled and adopted 14/2/08): Referred to Community Affairs Committee; report tabled 18/6/08

Amendments Incorporation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Amendments Incorporation Act 1905* to provide for the publication of Acts in electronic form.

Reps: Intro. 12/2/08; Read a 1st time 12/2/08; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2007-2008

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2007-2008*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2008.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 20/2/08

Senate: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 20/3/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Dem/passed

Assent: 8/4/08; Act No. 15, 2008

Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2007-2008

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2007-2008*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 20/2/08

Senate: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 20/3/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Dem/passed

Assent: 8/4/08; Act No. 16, 2008

Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2007-2008

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2007-2008* and *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 2007-2008*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2008.

Reps: Intro. 13/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 34, 2008

Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2007-2008

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2007-2008* and *Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2007-2008*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008.

Reps: Intro. 13/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 35, 2008

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for service of the year ending on 30 June 2009.

Reps: Intro. 13/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 55, 2008

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2009.

Reps: Intro. 13/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 56, 2008

Appropriation (Drought and Equine Influenza Assistance) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008

Introduced with the Appropriation (Drought and Equine Influenza Assistance) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008, the bill appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to provide assistance measures for drought relief and equine influenza measures.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 13/2/08

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 14/2/08

Assent: 18/2/08; Act No. 2, 2008

Appropriation (Drought and Equine Influenza Assistance) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008

Introduced with the Appropriation (Drought and Equine Influenza Assistance) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008, the bill appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to make payments to the States, Territories and local government authorities for drought relief assistance and reimburses costs associated with the national response to eradicating equine influenza.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 13/2/08

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 14/2/08

Assent: 18/2/08; Act No. 3, 2008

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009

Appropriates a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2009.

Reps: Intro. 13/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 57, 2008

Australian Energy Market Amendment (Minor Amendments) Bill 2008

Amends the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*, *Australian Energy Market Act 2004*, *Australian Energy Market Amendment (Gas Legislation) Act 2007* and *Trade Practices Act 1974* to correct the year of enactment of South Australian and Western Australian gas legislation from 2007 to 2008. The amended legislation underpins the new national regime for the regulation of access to natural gas pipelines.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 19/6/08

Senate: Intro. 23/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 60, 2008

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

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* to: limit banking and credit card penalty fees by ensuring fees are for cost recovery only; prevent fees being charged for third party dishonoured cheques; and enhance the powers of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to monitor penalty fees and investigate customer complaints.

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report due 16/9/08

Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Amends the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and *Civil Aviation Act 1988* to enable regulations to be made to permit Air Security Officers to lawfully discharge firearms on board an aircraft in Australian territory or an Australian aircraft in foreign territory.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Deferred

Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance) Bill 2008

Amends the *Air Navigation Act 1920* to: transfer the regulatory framework for international airline licences (IALs) to the Air Navigation Regulations; enable the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and Local Government to grant, vary, suspend and cancel IALs; require decisions about certain IAL applications to be subject to merits review by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; and makes consequential amendments to the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000*, *Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Act 1995* and *Civil Aviation Act 1988*. Also amends the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959* to enable the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to enforce the system of mandatory insurance for airline carriers; and makes amendments consequential on the *Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (1999 Montreal Convention and Other Measures) Act 2008*.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Deferred

Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (1999 Montreal Convention and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959*, *Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Act 1963* and *Civil Aviation Act 1988* to give effect to the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (the Montreal Convention) by providing a framework for the liability of air carriers in relation to injury or death of a passenger, loss or damage to cargo and baggage, and damage caused by a delay in the arrival of a passenger, baggage and freight.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Assessments and Advertising) Bill 2008

Amends the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* to: replace the prohibition on advertising unclassified films and computer games with an industry based self-assessment scheme to allow for advertising subject to conditions to be set out in a legislative instrument; and amend the classification procedures for films that are compilations of episodes of a television series and require an application for classification of such a film to be accompanied by a report from an authorised assessor that complies with conditions set out in a legislative instrument.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 13/5/08

Senate: Intro. 14/5/08; Passed 24/6/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Committee amendments: 1 FFP/negated; 1 Schedule opposed/Schedule agreed to

Assent: 1/7/08; Act No. 69, 2008

PS Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senators Allison and Bartlett – AD, Senator Bishop – ALP and Senator B Brown – AG)

Prohibits the manufacture, possession and use of cluster munitions and provides for decommissioning of cluster munitions held by the Australian Defence Force.

Senate: Intro. 5/12/06; 2nd reading adjourned 5/12/06

SBC report 15/06 (tabled and adopted 7/12/06): Referred to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee; extensions of time to report 29/3/07, 10/5/07; report presented 31/5/07 and tabled 12/6/07

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* to: enable the Finance Minister to make General Policy Orders which are legislative instruments and listed on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments; align annual reporting requirements for Commonwealth authorities with the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*; require all Commonwealth companies to provide annual reports to their responsible minister by specific deadlines and include information as required by Finance Minister Orders; clarify the use of credit cards, numbers and vouchers by Commonwealth authorities and introduce penalties for misuse; introduce a 'control' test to determine whether the Commonwealth controls a company; align the Act with the Corporations Act in relation to offences, penalties and terminology; require Commonwealth company subsidiaries to provide audited financial statements and audit reports to the responsible minister; and clarify compliance requirements for officers of Commonwealth companies with statutory and other duties. Also makes consequential amendments to the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983*, *Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970*, *Australian National University Act 1991*, *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* and *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991*.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 19/3/08

Senate: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 15/5/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 20, 2008

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

(Introduced by Senator B Brown – AG)

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to repeal provisions relating to group voting tickets and provide for preferential above-the-line voting for Senate elections.

Senate: Intro. 14/5/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/5/08

Reference: Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (as part of the inquiry into the 2007 federal election) 14/5/08; report due not before June 2009

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

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to: reduce the disclosure threshold to \$1,000; require certain persons making gifts above the threshold to furnish a return within eight weeks after polling day; ensure that for the purposes of the disclosure threshold and the disclosure of gifts, related political parties are treated as one entity; prohibit the receipt of a gift of foreign property and all anonymous gifts by registered political parties, candidates and members of a Senate group; provide that public funding of election campaigning is limited to the lesser amount of either the actual electoral expenditure or the amount awarded per vote where the four percent threshold is satisfied; extend existing recovery powers; and introduce new offences and penalties and increase penalties for existing offences.

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; 2nd reading adjourned 15/5/08

Reference: Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (as part of the inquiry into the 2007 federal election) 18/6/08; report due 30/6/09

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Commonwealth Securities and Investment Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911* to: authorise the Treasurer to borrow money on behalf of the Commonwealth by issuing stock denominated in Australia currency (subject to the total face value amount not exceeding \$75 billion); and provide for the creation of stock and securities for facilitating securities lending arrangements; *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to permit the Treasurer to invest public money in authorised investments for purposes other than ‘managing the public debt of the Commonwealth’; and *Loans Securities Act 1919* to allow the Treasurer to enter into securities lending arrangements and specify the collateral that may be accepted in connection with such arrangements.

Reps: Intro. 4/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 23/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

S Communications Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to give the Australian Communications and Media Authority the discretion to consider late applications for renewals of community broadcasting licences up to the expiry date of the licence.

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; Passed 17/3/08

Reps: Intro. 17/3/08; Passed 25/6/08

Assent: 3/7/08; Act No. 72, 2008

**PS Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the
R Government) 2001 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senators Stott Despoja and Murray – AD)

Amends the Constitution to ensure that if the Senate fails to pass a proposed law appropriating revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the government in respect of that year, an amount of money is appropriated for those services equal to the amount appropriated for those services in the preceding year.

Senate: Intro. 26/6/01; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/01

SBC report 15/01 (tabled and adopted 26/9/01): Deferred

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

**PS Constitution Alteration (Electors’ Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and
R Qualification of Members) 2000 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Amends the Constitution in relation to: elector-initiated constitutional change; dissolution of the House of Representatives; term of service of senators; increased duration of the House of Representatives to a four-year fixed term; holding of simultaneous elections for both Houses; recognition of the office of Prime Minister; dismissal of the Prime Minister; and qualification, and grounds for disqualification, of members of Parliament.

Senate: Intro. 4/4/00; 2nd reading adjourned 4/4/00

SBC report 6/00 (tabled and adopted 12/4/00): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Bernardi – LP)

Amends the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, *Crimes Act 1914* and *Criminal Code Act 1995* in relation to child sex tourism offences, by: relocating existing offences (currently in the Crimes Act) to the Criminal Code; creating new grooming, procuring and preparatory offences; making penalties consistent with like offences in the Criminal Code; introducing new offences relating to Australians overseas accessing child pornography or child abuse material; and providing for forfeiture of such material. Also makes consequential amendments to the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*.

Senate: Intro. 17/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 17/6/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* to retrospectively re-insert the maximum penalty of two years imprisonment for the secrecy offence; *Crimes Act 1914* to defer until November 2009 the second review of Part ID of the Act (relating to forensic procedures); and *Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991* to ensure standard criminal offences apply on relevant flights.

Reps: Intro. 4/6/08; Passed 23/6/08

Senate: Intro. 24/6/08; Passed 24/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 1/7/08; **Act No. 70, 2008**

S Cross-Border Insolvency Bill 2008

Implements the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law by: establishing access to local courts by persons administering a foreign insolvency proceeding; establishing conditions for recognition of a foreign insolvency proceeding and granting relief to its participants; permitting participation by foreign creditors in such proceedings; enabling cooperation between courts and practitioners from different countries; enabling coordination of proceedings to take place concurrently in different countries; and empowering the Governor-General to make regulations under the Act.

Senate: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Reps: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 13/5/08

Assent: 26/5/08; **Act No. 24, 2008**

Customs Amendment (Strengthening Border Controls) Bill 2008

Amends the *Customs Act 1901* to allow: the surrender of certain prohibited imports that have not been concealed; the granting of post-importation permissions for certain prohibited imports; infringement notices to be served for certain offences including importing certain prohibited imports and border security related offences; and Customs officers boarding a ship or aircraft to conduct personal searches for, and take possession of, weapons or evidence of specified offences.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Customs Act 1901* in relation to: the new Certificate of Origin requirements for the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement; broker licensing provisions; and false or misleading declarations in using the new SmartGate automated passenger processing system; and *Customs Act 1901* and *Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Act 2001* in relation to duty recovery and payments under protest and the treatment of certain refunds.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco Content) Bill 2008

Amends the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to insert a definition of 'tobacco content' to clarify that the customs duty payable on tobacco and tobacco products is based on the total weight of the goods.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 37, 2008

PS Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Services) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Defence Act 1903* to provide for parliamentary approval of overseas service by members of the Australian Defence Force.

Senate: Intro. 13/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 13/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Bill 2008

Introduced with the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008, the bill establishes a home ownership assistance scheme to provide a home loan interest subsidy to eligible members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are serving on or after 1 July 2008. Also provides transitional eligibility for certain ADF members under existing home loan subsidy schemes.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 27, 2008

Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Introduced with the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Bill 2008, the bill makes consequential amendments to the *Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990* and *Defence Service Homes Act 1918* to provide for eligible members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to transition into the new Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme and close the scheme established under the *Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990* to serving ADF members who have not yet exercised their rights under that scheme as at 30 June 2010.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 28, 2008

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

In further response to certain recommendations of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee's report into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system, the bill amends the *Defence Act 1903*, *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* and *Defence Force Discipline Appeals Act 1955* to redesign summary discipline procedures to include: an automatic right of appeal from a summary authority to a single Military Judge of the Australian Military Court (AMC); the right to elect trial by a Military Judge of the AMC for most disciplinary offences; simplified rules of evidence; a form of review for technical errors related to the awarding of punishments and orders; simplification of offences and punishments; and changed jurisdictions of Superior Summary Authorities and Discipline Officers.

Reps: Intro. 20/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

CID amendments: 14 Govt/passed

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 6, 2008

Dental Benefits Bill 2008

Introduced with the Dental Benefits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008, the bill establishes a framework for the payment of dental benefits to effect the Teen Dental Plan and a new Dental Benefits Schedule.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 17/6/08

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Committee amendment: 1 Opp/passed

[Reps agreed to Senate amendment 23/6/08]

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 41, 2008

Dental Benefits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Introduced with the Dental Benefits Bill 2008, the bill makes consequential amendments to eight Acts to effect implementation of the Teen Dental Plan.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 17/6/08

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 42, 2008

PS Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Requires producers, distributors and industry groups to submit to the minister a beverage container stewardship plan to manage the collection and recycling of beverage containers. The bill also sets minimum recovery rates for containers; requires public consultation on draft plans; and provides for annual reporting.

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; 2nd reading adjourned 13/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): Deferred

Reference: Referred to Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee 20/3/08 (as part of the inquiry into management of Australia's waste streams): report due August 2008; order varied 17/6/08; report due 28/8/08

PS Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Amends the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to prohibit political advertising that is inaccurate and misleading to a material extent.

Senate: Intro. 27/3/03; 2nd reading adjourned 27/3/03

SBC report 5/03 (tabled and adopted 14/5/03): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Amends the: *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* in relation to: accountability; political advertising; and electoral funding and disclosure; and *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* in relation to: voting by prisoners; closure of the electoral roll; nomination deposits; use of Commonwealth facilities; and conduct of State referenda and ballots.

Senate: Intro. 1/3/07; 2nd reading adjourned 1/3/07

SBC report 4/07 (tabled and adopted 21/3/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Control of Power Station Emissions) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to: provide for a set greenhouse gas emission intensity threshold to apply to all new power stations and require the responsible minister to approve the operation or construction of those power stations which meet this condition; establish a monitoring regime; and includes offence and penalty provisions.

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 19/6/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

PS Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Repeals the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* which prevents the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly and the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly from legalising voluntary euthanasia.

Senate: Intro. 3/3/04; 2nd reading adjourned 3/3/04

SBC report 3/04 (tabled and adopted 10/3/04): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Evidence Amendment Bill 2008

Implements recommendations made by the Australian Law Reform Commission, New South Wales Reform Commission and Victorian Law Reform Commission in their report into the operation of the uniform Evidence Acts (*Uniform Evidence Law*) by amending the: *Evidence Act 1995* to implement model evidence provisions in relation to hearsay and opinion rules, the admissibility of expert evidence, admissions in criminal proceedings, coincidence evidence, credibility of witnesses, compellability provisions in relation to same-sex couples, advance rulings on evidentiary issues, warnings and directions to the jury, and the manner and form of questioning witnesses, and make consequential amendments and update certain cross references; *Amendments Incorporation Act 1905* to: amend the long title of the Act and rename it as the *Acts Publication Act 1905*; provide for certain printed and electronic versions of Acts to be taken, unless the contrary is proven, to be an accurate record of those Acts; and provide that printed compilations of Acts include amendments by either Acts or legislative instruments. Also makes consequential amendments to four other Acts.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 18/6/08

Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; report due not before 25/9/08

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008

Introduced with the Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, the bill amends the: *Petroleum Excise (Prices) Act 1987* to ensure the method for determining the price of condensate (to calculate the excise payable) is the same as that used to determine the price of stabilised crude petroleum oil; and *Excise Act 1901* and *Petroleum Revenue Act 1985* to ensure condensate is treated consistently to stabilised crude petroleum oil for the purposes of the excise.

Reps: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 2/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008

Introduced with the Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2008, the bill amends the *Excise Tariff Act 1921* to remove the current crude oil exemption and introduce a new regime applicable to condensate produced from petroleum fields located in the North West Shelf project area and onshore Australia.

Reps: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 2/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived

CID amendment: 1 Govt/passed

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Australian Trade Commission Act 1985* and *Export Market Development Grants Act 1997* to: increase the maximum grant to \$200,000; add two claimable expense categories to the range of eligible expenses; expand the range of bodies able to access the scheme; lift the maximum turnover limit to \$50 million; reduce the minimum threshold of expenditure to a \$10,000 minimum; extend the limit on the number of annual grants to eight; remove the distinction between internal and external services to provide that all non-tourism services are eligible products; and introduce a performance measure for applicants claiming their third and subsequent grants.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 33, 2008

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to establish a \$150,000 limit on primary earner income for family tax benefit Part B and related tax offsets; *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* in relation to the baby bonus to: introduce a means test; provide for instalment payment; change the indexation date to 1 July each year; and extend the eligibility to certain adopted children; *Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act 1990*, *Social Security Act 1991*, *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to provide for the collection of tax file numbers as part of a new compliance regime for the seniors health card; *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to provide for a person to enter into a voluntary income management agreement; *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to increase the eligible age for partner service pension to qualifying age; and five Acts in relation to: child support reforms; family assistance; and technical amendments relating to family tax benefits and social security.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 25/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Referred to Finance and Public Administration Committee; report tabled 24/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/passed

Committee amendments: 2 Govt/passed; 1 Opp/passed; 2 Schedules negated; 2 items negated; 2 AG/negated

Committee request: 1 Govt/passed

[Reps made Senate request for an amendment 25/6/08; Reps agreed to Senate amendments nos 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 and disagreed to Senate amendments nos 4 and 5, 25/6/08; Senate did not insist on amendments 26/6/08]

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 63, 2008

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* to prohibit certain pay television licensees from providing television channels that contain a large amount of R18+ programming to certain prescribed areas; *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* to permit the transportation of pornographic material through a prescribed area to a place outside the prescribed area; *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* to repeal permit system amendments providing public access to certain Aboriginal land; and *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* to enable community dependent roadhouses to be licensed as community stores.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 21/2/08, 19/3/08, 20/3/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/pending

Senate:

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): Provisions of bill referred to Community Affairs Committee; interim report presented 7/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08; extension of time for final report 13/5/08; final report tabled 15/5/08

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the: *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* to: remove the minimum rate of child care benefit (CCB); increase the child care tax rebate (CCTR) to 50 per cent, provide for it to be paid quarterly and increase the annual limit to \$7,500; and make amendments in relation to: weekly limits of hours for the purposes of CCB; automatic review of CCTR decisions; publishing information relating to sanctions or suspensions of approved child care service's approval; allocation of child care places; approved child care services providing certain periodic statements; delegation of the secretary's powers; infringement notices; and technical amendments relating to the Child Care Management System; and *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999* in relation to: debt recovery; extension of the civil penalties and infringement notice schemes; and expanded entry powers for authorised officers.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08
SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 53, 2008

Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Family Law Act 1975* in relation to: opposite-sex and same-sex de facto couples accessing the federal family law courts on property and maintenance matters on relationship breakdown; financial agreements between married couples; separation declarations and superannuation splitting; certificates provided during family dispute resolutions; makes consequential amendments to 10 Acts in relation to de facto financial matters; and makes a technical amendment to the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.

Reps: Intro. 25/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 25/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; report due 27/8/08

Farm Household Support Amendment (Additional Drought Assistance Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Farm Household Support Act 1992* and *Social Security Act 1991* to: increase the maximum allowable income exemption for the Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment (ECRP); and extend the ECRP to more agriculture-dependent small business operators; and the *Farm Household Support Act 1992* to enable ECRP recipients to continue to receive payments while temporarily absent from Australia for specific family or humanitarian reasons.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 3/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 39, 2008

Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* to further simplify the internal government financial management framework and makes consequential amendments to the *Albury-Wodonga Development Act 1973*, *Public Service Act 1999*, *Reserve Bank Act 1959* and *Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme Act 2008*. Also effects a transfer of funding for the Water Smart Australia program from the National Water Commission to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Deferred

S Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Review of Prudential Decisions) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Banking Act 1959*, *Insurance Act 1973*, *Life Insurance Act 1995*, *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*, *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997*, *Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Act 2007* and *Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Act 2007* to introduce a court-based process for disqualifying an individual from operating an Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) regulated entity; *Banking Act 1959*, *Insurance Act 1973* and *Life Insurance Act 1995* in relation to APRA's specific direction powers; *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to incorporate a materiality test into the trigger for APRA to issue a direction to freeze assets of a superannuation entity; *Insurance Act 1973*, *Life Insurance Act 1995* and *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to remove ministerial consent from administrative decisions made by APRA or the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) under those Acts; *Banking Act 1959*, *Financial Sector Collection of Data Act 2001*, *Insurance Act 1973*, *Life Insurance Act 1995* and *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* to apply merits review to appropriate decisions made by APRA or the ATO. Also makes consequential amendments to other Acts.

Senate: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Reps: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 13/5/08

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 25, 2008

First Home Saver Accounts Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill: establishes First Home Saver Accounts; governs their operation; provides for the payment of Government contributions of 17 per cent on the first \$5,000 of personal contributions made into an account each year; and provides for the prudential regulation of account providers.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 2/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 44, 2008

First Home Saver Accounts (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill makes consequential amendments to five taxation Acts to: provide for the taxation treatment of First Home Saver Accounts; and to change certain references; the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and *Corporations Act 2001* to ensure that the financial services licensing, conduct, advice and disclosure rules apply appropriately to First Home Saver Accounts; and eight other Acts.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 2/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 45, 2008

Fisheries Legislation Amendment (New Governance Arrangements for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority and Other Matters) Bill 2008

Following government endorsement of the recommendations of the Review of the Corporate Governance of Statutory Authorities and Office Holders (the Uhrig Review), the bill amends the: *Fisheries Administration Act 1991*, *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* to implement changes to the governance arrangements of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority; *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* to require foreign fishing vessels to stow fishing equipment whilst transiting through the Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ); and *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and *Migration Act 1958* to enable enforcement action to be taken against foreign vessels breaching international fishery management measures and boats supporting illegal fishing in the AFZ.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 4/6/08

Main Committee CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 36, 2008

PS Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Amends the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations to: extend access to information in the possession of the Commonwealth; and create an independent position of Freedom of Information Commissioner to be held by the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Senate: Intro. 25/6/03; 2nd reading adjourned 25/6/03

SBC report 8/03 (tabled and adopted 13/8/03): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 17/11/04, 18/3/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

PS Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Provides for the: protection of genetic privacy; collection, storage, analysis and disclosure of DNA samples; rights and responsibilities of persons with respect to genetic information; and unlawfulness of genetic discrimination.

Senate: Intro. 11/3/98; 2nd reading adjourned 11/3/98, 5/10/00

SBC report 3/98 (tabled and adopted 25/3/98): Referred to Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee; report due 11/8/98; interim report presented 10/8/98 and tabled 10/11/98

Reference: Referred to Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee 23/11/98; extensions of time to report 10/12/98, 16/2/99, 30/3/99; report tabled 31/3/99

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 23/11/98, 14/5/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Governance Review Implementation (AASB and AUASB) Bill 2008

Amends the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* to: implement new financial management and administrative governance arrangements by transferring the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board from the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* framework to the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* framework; and make transitional amendments, including changes to the Financial Reporting Council's functions.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 24/6/08

Senate: Intro. 26/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 61, 2008

Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008

Amends the *Governor-General Act 1974* to: set the salary for the next Governor-General; and remove references to the superannuation surcharge discontinued in 2005.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 23/6/08

Senate: Intro. 24/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 62, 2008

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to provide a framework for the administration and management of the Great Barrier Reef Park which integrates with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other legislation by: implementing environmental impact assessment and permitting processes; investigation and evidence collection; targeted approaches to enforcement; encouraging responsible use of the Park, and new emergency management powers.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08, 25/6/08, 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Health Care (Appropriation) Act 1998* to: extend the appropriation period from five to six years; and increase the amount appropriated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund by \$10.25 billion.

Reps: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 3/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 52, 2008

Health Insurance Amendment (90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme) Bill 2008

Amends the *Health Insurance Act 1973* to allow specialists and consultant physicians access to the 90 Day Pay Doctor Cheque Scheme to Medicare Australia where the original claim for the Medicare benefit is submitted electronically.

Reps: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 51, 2008

Higher Education Support Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* in relation to: compulsory Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) repayments and a HECS-HELP benefit for certain graduates and teachers; funding amounts to reflect supplementation for indexation increases, budget measures, technical adjustments for 2009-12, and maximum grant amounts for 2012; transitional loading under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme; phasing out domestic undergraduate full fee paying places at public universities; and maximum contribution amounts for mathematics, statistics and science units of study

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 43, 2008

Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008

Amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to: remove the requirement for higher education providers to meet the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and the National Governance Protocols as a condition of Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding; and make minor technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 14/5/08

CID amendments: 2 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; 2nd reading adjourned 15/5/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Assistance) Bill 2008

Amends the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to provide VET FEE-HELP assistance to full-fee-paying students in Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma courses accredited as VET qualifications and where credit toward a higher education award is available for Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 20/2/08

Senate: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 11, 2008

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill imposes a levy on the first registration of horses, to enable the horse industry to repay amounts paid by the Commonwealth on behalf of the horse industry in the event of an outbreak of an emergency horse disease.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 21/2/08

Senate:

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Horse Disease Response Levy Collection Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill: enables the collection and administration of a horse disease response levy from horse registration bodies; imposes penalties for unpaid levies and the remission of any penalties resulting from late payments; introduces information gathering powers to allow for the collection of information and documents as specified by the Commonwealth; and provides for regulations to prescribe details for the collection of the levy.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 21/2/08

Senate:

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Horse Disease Response Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills to establish a horse disease response levy, the bill amends the *Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Act 1996* to enable horse disease response levies to be appropriated to the Australian Animal Health Council to repay amounts paid by the Commonwealth due to an outbreak of an emergency horse disease. Any excess levies are to be used for research and development activities or the promotion or maintenance of horse health.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 21/2/08

Senate:

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Income Tax (First Home Saver Accounts Misuse Tax) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill imposes the First Home Saver Accounts misuse tax to be payable on any gain made by an account holder from the improper use of a First Home Saver Account.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 2/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 46, 2008

Income Tax (Managed Investment Trust Transitional) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill imposes a transitional tax rate of 22.5 per cent for the first income year of the new withholding tax regime for distributions of managed investment trust income to foreign residents of certain jurisdictions and allows them to claim deductions for associated investment expenses.

Reps: Intro. 4/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 30, 2008

Income Tax (Managed Investment Trust Withholding Tax) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill imposes: a tax rate of 15 per cent for the second income year, and 7.5 per cent for later income years, of the new withholding tax regime for distributions of managed investment trust income to foreign residents of certain jurisdictions; and a 30 per cent withholding tax rate on residents of countries with which Australia does not have effective exchange of information.

Reps: Intro. 4/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 31, 2008

PM Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008

(Introduced by Mr Georgiou – LP)

Provides for the appointment of an independent person to review the operation, effectiveness and implications of laws relating to terrorism.

Reps: Intro. 17/3/08; Read a 1st time 17/3/08; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

PS Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]

(Introduced by Senators Troeth and Humphries – LP)

Provides for the appointment of an independent person to review the operation, effectiveness and implications of laws relating to terrorism.

Senate: Intro. 23/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 23/6/08

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): No reference

Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the: *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* to: allow for township leases to be for a period of between 40 and 99 years and provide for rights of renewal; expand the functions of the Executive Director of Township Leasing; allow for the grant of 13 areas of Aboriginal land which will be operated as national parks; and make minor amendments; and *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* to: provide processes for payments to landholders for the acquisition of five-year leases; and make minor and technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 23/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 1/7/08; Act No. 67, 2008

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to appropriate additional funding for Indigenous students to: expand intensive literacy and numeracy programs; enable teachers to develop individual learning plans; and establish three new boarding accommodation facilities in the Northern Territory.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 47, 2008

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008

Amends the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* to appropriate additional funding to enable the employment of 200 additional teachers in Northern Territory Indigenous communities affected by the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; Passed 12/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 4, 2008

Infrastructure Australia Bill 2008

Establishes Infrastructure Australia to advise governments, investors and owners of Australia's future infrastructure needs and other related infrastructure issues.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; Passed 17/3/08

CID amendments: 5 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 18/3/08; Passed 19/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Committee amendments: 5 Opp/passed; 1 Dem/passed; 3 AG/negated

[Reps disagreed to Senate amendments 19/3/08; Senate did not insist on amendments 20/3/08]

Assent: 8/4/08; Act No. 17, 2008

PM Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2008

(Introduced by Mr Billson – LP)

Amends the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* to prohibit subscription television based interactive gambling.

Reps: Intro. 2/6/08; Read a 1st time 2/6/08; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985* to enable regulations to be made to implement national heavy vehicle charges set out in the 2007 Heavy Vehicle Charges Determination under the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme for registered vehicles.

Reps: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 19/3/08

Senate: Intro. 19/3/08; Negated at 2nd reading 19/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Judiciary Amendment Bill 2008

Responds to the High Court decision in *British American Tobacco v Western Australia* by amending the *Judiciary Act 1903* to provide that nothing in the Act prevents State and Territory laws related to the recovery of invalid State and Territory taxes from applying in federal jurisdiction in proceedings for the recovery of a tax or an amount paid in connection with a tax invalidly imposed by a law of a State or Territory.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 23/6/08

Senate: Intro. 24/6/08; Passed 24/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 1/7/08; Act No. 71, 2008

Lands Acquisition Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* to: allow States and Territories to administer exploration and/or mining on Commonwealth land through regulations that incorporate or adopt State/Territory mining legislation; provide for a penalty regime for breaches of the regulations; enable the minister to make offers of compensation to interest holders without a claim being made; and remove the requirement for commercial acquisitions in market of an interest in land to be tabled in Parliament. Also repeals the *Lands Acquisition (Defence) Act 1968*.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 13/5/08

Senate: Intro. 14/5/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Law Officers Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Law Officers Act 1964* and *Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1976* to enable Solicitors-General to access long service leave entitlements.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 3/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 40, 2008

PS Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Nettle – AG)

Amends the *Marriage Act 1961* to amend the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples.

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

**PS Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration
R Decisions) Bill 2007 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* in relation to access to judicial review of migration decisions.

Senate: Intro. 1/3/07; 2nd reading adjourned 1/3/07

SBC report 4/07 (tabled and adopted 21/3/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

S Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008

Amend the *Migration Act 1958* to: reinstate time limits for applying to courts for judicial review of migration decisions; streamline procedures for notifying parties of Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal decisions; amend border protection provisions in relation to advance passenger and crew reports, ‘round trip cruises’ and special purpose visas; amend visa provisions in relation to the status of certain non-citizen children and bridging visas and offences; respond to *Moore v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship [2007] FCA 626* by clarifying character cancellation provisions; ensure illegal foreign fishers and environmental offenders are removed from Australia when they become unlawful non-citizens; give the minister discretion when providing documents to a non-registered migration agent; and amends the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* and *Australian Citizenship (Transitional and Consequential) Act 2007* to: clarify provisions and remove inconsistencies; and ensure the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007* is consistent with obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness 1961.

Senate: Intro. 25/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 25/6/08

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): No reference

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

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* to introduce a class of complementary protection visas which will provide protection for those people who do not meet the definition of a refugee under the Refugee Convention but who have compelling humanitarian or safety reasons to not return to their country of origin.

Senate: Intro. 13/9/06; Negatived at 2nd reading 20/3/08

SBC report 10/06 (tabled and adopted 14/9/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

**PS Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006 [2008]
R**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* to end the mandatory detention of visa applicants and asylum seekers.

Senate: Intro. 7/9/06; 2nd reading adjourned 7/9/06

SBC report 10/06 (tabled and adopted 14/9/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS **Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006**
R **[2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Introduced with the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006, the bill amends the *Migration Act 1958* to repeal provisions which provide for the excision from the migration zone of certain offshore places and prevent a person who arrives unlawfully at an ‘excised offshore place’ from making a valid visa application unless the minister determines it is in the public interest to do so.

Senate: Intro. 15/6/06; 2nd reading adjourned 15/6/06

SBC report 6/06 (tabled and adopted 22/6/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS **Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal)**
R **(Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Introduced with the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006, the bill makes consequential amendments to the *Migration Act 1958* in relation to the repeal of the excision from the migration zone of certain offshore places.

Senate: Intro. 15/6/06; 2nd reading adjourned 15/6/06

SBC report 6/06 (tabled and adopted 22/6/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS **Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and**
R **Conduct) Bill 2006 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Migration Act 1958* in relation to ministerial discretion to assess the character or conduct of a non-citizen for the purposes of refusing a visa application or cancelling an existing visa.

Senate: Intro. 14/8/06; 2nd reading adjourned 14/8/06

SBC report 9/06 (tabled and adopted 7/9/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS **Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural**
R **Fairness) Bill 2007 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the: *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977* and *Migration Act 1958* to remove the privative clause mechanism restricting access to Federal and High Court judicial review of administrative decisions made under the Migration Act; and *Migration Act 1958* in relation to: immigration detainees; the natural justice hearing rule; the refusal or cancellation of visas on character grounds; and mandatory migration detention.

Senate: Intro. 8/8/07; 2nd reading adjourned 8/8/07

SBC report 13/07 (tabled and adopted 16/8/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006
R [2008]

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

Amends the Migration Regulations 1994 to remove the category of Temporary Protection Visa.

Senate: Intro. 22/6/06; 2nd reading adjourned 22/6/06

SBC report 7/06 (tabled and adopted 9/8/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 12/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Military Memorials of National Significance Bill 2008

Recognises the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial in Ballarat as a Military Memorial of National Significance and provides that other memorials which meet specified criteria will be similarly recognised.

Reps: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 23/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived

Senate: Intro. 24/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

PS Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senators Stott Despoja and Murray – AD)

Regulates certain pre and post-retirement conduct of, and places post-retirement employment restrictions on, ministers and ministerial advisers; and includes offence and penalty provisions.

Senate: Intro. 13/3/02; 2nd reading adjourned 13/3/02

SBC report 2/02 (tabled and adopted 20/3/02): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS National Commissioner for Children Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

The bill: establishes the Office of the National Commissioner for Children and Young People to promote and protect the rights, interests and wellbeing of all Australian children under 18 years of age; and appoints and outlines the functions and responsibilities of the Commissioner. Also establishes an Advisory Committee on Children and sets out membership, function, procedure and membership conditions.

Senate: Intro. 18/3/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/3/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

National Film and Sound Archive Bill 2008

Establishes the National Film and Sound Archive as a statutory body, sets out functions and powers, and establishes a governing board and management.

Reps: Intro. 20/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 14, 2008

National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008

Introduced with the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008, the bill establishes a National Fuelwatch Scheme to be implemented and administered by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) which requires petrol retailers to notify the ACCC of their next day's fuel prices by 2 pm each day and maintain this notified price for a 24-hour period from 6 am the next day. Also confers compliance and enforcement powers upon the ACCC.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 29/9/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

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

Introduced with the National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008, the bill makes consequential amendments to the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in relation to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's functions and powers for the operation and enforcement of the National Fuelwatch Scheme.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 29/9/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* in relation to: mandatory public disclosure of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions; the calculation and publication of the alternative methods used to calculate greenhouse gas emissions; registration of corporations; compliance by corporations with external auditors; and reporting of greenhouse gas projects and offsets of emissions.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Deferred

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

Amends the *National Health Act 1953* to enable regulations to be made for the cost recovery of services provided by the Commonwealth in relation to the exercise of powers for listing medicines, vaccines and other products or services on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and designation of vaccines for the National Immunisation Program.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Community Affairs Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 18/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2008

Amends the *National Health Act 1953* to: expand the criteria for determining that brands of pharmaceutical items are co-marketed; provide access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for government officers (and accompanying spouses and dependants) working overseas; enable married or de facto couples living apart permanently due to illness or infirmity to use the PBS safety net jointly; and make minor technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 17/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 49, 2008

PS National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Amends the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* to create a market for energy savings, additional to energy efficiency activities set by minimum energy performance regulation, by: setting a National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target; and providing for the creation, acquisition and trading of Energy Efficiency Certificates.

Senate: Intro. 14/8/07; 2nd reading adjourned 14/8/07

SBC report 13/07 (tabled and adopted 16/8/07): Referred to Economics Committee; interim report tabled 17/9/07; extension of time to report 17/9/07; further interim report tabled 12/2/08

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report presented 30/5/08 and tabled 16/6/08

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum Act 2006* to enable the transportation by pipeline and injection and storage of greenhouse gas substances in Commonwealth offshore waters by: providing for the release of offshore acreage over which greenhouse gas titles may be obtained, establishing a system of titles to authorise title-holders to engage in greenhouse gas related operations and conferring on the minister regulatory powers in relation to those titles and activities, and adapting existing petroleum provisions relating to administrative, regulatory and process matters to greenhouse gas titles and operations; amend the existing regime of petroleum titles to accommodate the new kinds of activity being authorised by the Act; and amend the long title of the Act and rename it as the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*. Also makes consequential amendments to 27 other Acts.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 16/10/08

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Offshore Petroleum Act 2006* to: convert certain geodetic data references of area descriptions to Geocentric Datum of Australia (GOA94); remove certain ministerial emergency powers in part of Bass Strait; and make technical corrections.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 13/5/08

Senate: Intro. 14/5/08; Passed 15/5/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 21, 2008

Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Act 2006* to: require the registered holder of titles to pay an annual fee for the term of the title; and amend the long title of the Act and rename it as the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Annual Fees) Act 2006*.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 16/10/08

Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Act 2006* to: impose fees for the registration of the transfer of a title or of an approval of a dealing in a title; and amend the long title of the Act and rename it as the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Act 2006*.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 16/10/08

Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills, the bill amends the *Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Act 2003* to: impose a safety investigation levy, safety case levy and pipeline safety management plan levy in relation to greenhouse gas facilities and pipelines in Commonwealth offshore waters; and amend the long title of the Act and rename it as the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Act 2003*.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 16/10/08

PS Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Lees – AD)

Provides for a Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms to protect all Australians against violations of their fundamental civil and political rights by governments.

Senate: Intro. 27/9/01; 2nd reading adjourned 27/9/01

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 9/11/05, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Kirk – ALP)

Establishes an independent Commission to hear and determine matters concerning alleged judicial misconduct or incapacity, and requires the Commission to report its findings and make recommendations to Parliament.

Senate: Intro. 11/9/07; 2nd reading adjourned 11/9/07

SBC report 16/07 (tabled and adopted 20/9/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 15/5/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Passenger Movement Charge Act 1978* to increase the rate of passenger movement charge to \$47 from 1 July 2008.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 25/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; report tabled 24/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 58, 2008

PS Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *Patents Act 1990* to prohibit the patenting of naturally occurring genes or gene sequences.

Senate: Intro. 27/6/96; 2nd reading adjourned 27/6/96

SBC report 10/96 (tabled and adopted 12/9/96): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 23/11/98, 14/5/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Establishes a Peace and Non-Violence Commission, an independent statutory body, to promote peace and non-violence and advance Australia's obligations under international humanitarian law.

Senate: Intro. 18/6/07; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/07

SBC report 12/07 (tabled and adopted 9/8/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

- PS R Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [2008]**
(Introduced by Senator B Brown – AG)
Provides for the assessment and collection of a 25 cent levy on the use of plastic bags at retail points of sale. Also includes reporting requirements and a regulation-making power.
Senate: Intro. 21/10/02; 2nd reading adjourned 21/10/02
SBC report 2/03 (tabled and adopted 5/3/03): Referred to Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee; extensions of time to report 7/10/03, 29/10/03; report tabled 26/11/03; corrigendum tabled 1/3/04
Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/5/08
SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Deferred
- PS Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008**
(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)
The bill seeks to promote responsible gaming practices by: imposing technical requirements on corporations which manufacture, sell and supply gaming and poker machines, manufacture or supply cash-back terminals, and on financial institutions which own or operate automatic teller machines; and imposes penalties for contraventions of the requirements.
Senate: Intro. 19/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 19/6/08
SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): Referred to Community Affairs Committee; report due 10/11/08
- PS Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008**
(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)
The bill: provides for the administration of a poker machine harm reduction tax to be payable by a licensed operator on revenue derived from licensed poker machines; establishes the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Transition Fund Supervisory Board to determine grants to be made from the Fund for the purposes of funding community activities, rehabilitation and prevention programs, and provides for promotional educational programs highlighting the risks of gambling.
Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08
SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Referred to Community Affairs Committee; extensions of time to report 18/3/08, 26/6/08; report due 10/11/08
- PS R Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006 [2008]**
(Introduced by Senators Stott Despoja – AD, Troeth – LP, Nettle – AG and C Brown – ALP)
Prohibits misleading or deceptive advertising or notification of pregnancy counselling services.
Senate: Intro. 7/12/06; 2nd reading adjourned 7/12/06, 14/6/07
SBC report 1/07 (tabled and adopted 8/2/07): No reference
Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 19/6/08 (by Senators Stott Despoja – AD and Nettle – AG)
SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

PS Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *Privacy Act 1988* to require organisations and Commonwealth Government agencies to notify affected individuals of a data security breach where their personal information is accessed by, or disclosed to, an unauthorised person.

Senate: Intro. 16/8/07; 2nd reading adjourned 16/8/07

SBC report 16/07 (tabled and adopted 20/9/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Privacy (Extension to Political Acts and Practices) Amendment Bill 2006 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *Privacy Act 1988* to remove the exemption in the Act for political acts and practices.

Senate: Intro. 22/6/06; 2nd reading adjourned 22/6/06

SBC report 7/06 (tabled and adopted 9/8/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the: *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, *Corporations Act 2001*, *Insurance Act 1973* and *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* to remove the 1 July 2008 requirement for health-related business conducted through health benefits funds to be subject to dual regulation by the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; and *Private Health Insurance Act 2007* to: enable restricted access insurers to specify their eligibility requirements in constitutions or operational rules; require all private health insurers to be companies under the Corporations Act by January 2010; clarify that discounted corporate products offered by private health insurers are not a breach of community rating; and provide that a pilot project conducted as specified in the Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Rules does not breach community rating.

Reps: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 3/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: **25/6/08; Act No. 54, 2008**

PS Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Amends the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to impose restrictions on: food and beverage advertising on television during children's viewing times; and advertising in schools by companies whose principal activity is the manufacture, distribution or sale of junk food.

Senate: Intro. 30/3/06; 2nd reading adjourned 30/3/06

SBC report 7/06 (tabled and adopted 9/8/06): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Bill 2008

Introduced with the Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008, the bill implements the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage which establishes a liability and compensation regime to apply in cases of pollution damage following the leakage of bunker oil from a ship that is not an oil tanker.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 26/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Amends the *Admiralty Act 1988*, *Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act 1981* and *Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Act 1981* to make amendments consequential on the Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Bill 2008.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 26/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Customs) Act 1993*, *Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Excise) Act 1993*, *Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—General) Act 1993* and *Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993* to: implement Australia's obligations to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1992 to provide further compensation for pollution damage resulting from oil spills from an oil tanker; *Navigation Act 1912* and *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983* to: implement changes to Annexes I, III and IV to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 (MARPOL), make miscellaneous amendments to the requirements for maintenance of garbage record books, and allow for regulations to be made to prescribe penalties; and *Marine Navigation Levy Collection Act 1989*, *Maritime Navigation (Regulatory Functions) Levy Collection Act 1991* and *Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy Collection) Act 1981* to amend certain definitions; and the *Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993* to make minor technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 25/6/08

Senate: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

PS Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Creates a framework to facilitate the disclosure of information in the public interest by protecting public officials and others who make such disclosures.

Senate: Intro. 14/6/07; 2nd reading adjourned 14/6/07

SBC report 12/07 (tabled and adopted 9/8/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Qantas Sale Act 1992* to ensure that restrictions about foreign ownership and other matters that apply to Qantas also apply to Jetstar and other Qantas subsidiaries.

Senate: Intro. 27/2/07; 2nd reading adjourned 27/2/07

SBC report 3/07 (tabled and adopted 1/3/07): Referred to Economics Committee; report tabled 20/3/07; corrected comments tabled 28/3/07

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Quarantine Amendment (National Health Security) Bill 2008

Amends the *Quarantine Act 1908* to give further effect to the International Health Regulations 2005 by: requiring persons and travellers subject to quarantine to submit themselves to vaccination or other prophylaxis, as necessary, and for the issue of certificates to provide proof of vaccination; and enabling charges to be levied on some travellers for the cost of certain health measures provided for public health reasons. Also makes minor technical and consequential amendments.

Reps: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 29/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Assent: 1/7/08; Act No. 68, 2008

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

(Introduced by Senator Milne – AG)

Amends the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* to establish a national feed-in tariff scheme to provide financial support for the commercialisation of prospective renewable energy technologies. Also provides for an annual review of the operation of the Act.

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; 2nd reading adjourned 15/5/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Referred to Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee; report due 14/10/08

PS Renewable Energy Legislation Amendment (Renewable Power Percentage) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Amends the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 to expand interim targets by increasing the renewable energy power percentages from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2020.

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report presented 30/5/08 and tabled 16/6/08

PS Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007 [2008]**R** (Introduced by Senators Allison and Stott Despoja – AD)

Provides for the repatriation of Australian citizens held in detention overseas if there is a risk of infringement of their human rights.

Senate: Intro. 29/3/07; 2nd reading adjourned 29/3/07

SBC report 10/07 (tabled and adopted 21/6/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2008]**R** (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Provides for electors to be consulted, at the same time as the next House of Representatives general election, on whether Australia should become a republic and on whether they should vote again, if applicable, to choose from different republic models.

Senate: Intro. 26/9/01; 2nd reading adjourned 26/9/01Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/5/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Reserve Bank Amendment (Enhanced Independence) Bill 2008

Amends the *Reserve Bank Act 1959* to give the Governor-General authority to appoint, suspend and terminate the positions of Governor or Deputy-Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Terminations of these positions requires parliamentary approval.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 26/5/08

CID amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 23/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 31/5/08; interim report presented 30/5/08 and tabled 16/6/08; final report presented 11/6/08 and tabled 16/6/08

Committee amendments: 2 Opp/passed; 1 Dem/passed; 1 FFP to Opp/negated

[Reps reported message 24/6/08]

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

(Introduced by Senator B Brown – AG)

Repeals the *Euthanasia Laws Act 1997* which prevents the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly and the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly from legalising voluntary euthanasia.

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; extensions of time to report 18/3/08, 23/6/08, 25/6/08; report tabled 26/6/08

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Repeal Bill 2008

Introduced with the Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2008, the bill repeals the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993* and repeals provisions of the *Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration) Act 1997* to allow the Australian Capital Territory Government to introduce the new heavy vehicle registration charges.

Reps: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 19/3/08

Senate: Intro. 19/3/08; Negatived at 2nd reading 19/3/08
SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett – AD)

Amends the *Marriage Act 1961* to ensure that same-sex marriages are given equal status to heterosexual marriages, including repealing the definition of ‘marriage’ as the union between a man and a woman and repealing provisions which prevent same-sex marriages entered into under the law of another country from being recognised in Australia.

Senate: Intro. 15/6/06; 2nd reading adjourned 15/6/06
SBC report 6/06 (tabled and adopted 22/6/06): No reference
Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08
SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

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

Amends 14 Acts in relation to Commonwealth civilian and military (defined benefit) superannuation schemes, parliamentary, judicial and statutory legal officer pension schemes and the Governor-General’s pension scheme to ensure that same-sex partners and their children are able to access reversionary superannuation benefits upon the death of a scheme member and in related taxation treatment of superannuation benefits.

Reps: Intro. 28/5/08; Passed 4/6/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negatived

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08
Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee 18/6/08; report due 30/9/08 or after the consideration of any certain related bills, whichever is the sooner
SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

PS Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senators Allison, Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja – AD)

Implements recommendations of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission report *Same-Sex: Same Entitlements* to remove from Commonwealth law relating to taxation, superannuation, employment and family law, provisions which discriminate against same-sex couples and their children.

Senate: Intro. 14/8/07; 2nd reading adjourned 14/8/07
SBC report 13/07 (tabled and adopted 16/8/07): No reference [Report of inquiry (conducted by Democrat senators) tabled 20/9/07]
Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08
SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PM Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Mr Hunt – LP)

Requires the responsible minister to determine, by legislative instrument, new guidelines for the operation of the Solar Homes and Communities Plan, and gives the secretary general responsibility for the administration of the plan.

Reps: Intro. 23/6/08; Read a 1st time 23/6/08; 2nd reading order of day for next sitting

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

(Introduced by Senator Johnston – LP)

Requires the responsible minister to determine, by legislative instrument, new guidelines for the operation of the Solar Homes and Communities Plan, and gives the secretary general responsibility for the administration of the plan.

Senate: Intro. 24/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 24/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee 25/6/08; report due 15/8/08

Screen Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2008

Amends the *Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act 1973* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to make amendments consequential upon, and transitional to, the establishment of Screen Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive; and repeals the *Australian Film Commission Act 1975*.

Reps: Intro. 20/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 13, 2008

Screen Australia Bill 2008

Establishes Screen Australia (SA) as a body corporate, sets out functions and powers, and establishes a governing board and management. SA will replace the Australian Film Commission, the Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited and Film Australia Limited.

Reps: Intro. 20/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 12, 2008

Skills Australia Bill 2008

Establishes Skills Australia as a statutory body to provide advice on Australia's current, emerging and future workforce development and skills needs.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; Passed 12/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Deferred
Committee amendment: 1 Dem/negated

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 10, 2008

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Employment Entry Payment) Bill 2008

Amends the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to cease eligibility and payment of the employment entry payment, from 1 July 2008.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 23/6/08
SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 64, 2008

Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Allowances) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Social Security Act 1991*, *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to: extend the qualification for and increase the rate of the utilities allowance; and increase the annual rate of seniors' concession allowance; and *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to increase the rate of telephone allowance for certain income support recipients who have an internet connection at home.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 20/2/08

Senate: Intro. 11/3/08; Passed 12/3/08
Committee request: 1 AG/negated
SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 5, 2008

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments and Other Budget Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Social Security Act 1991*, *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and seven other Acts to provide one-off payments to certain older Australians, veterans and carers; and *Social Security Act 1991*, *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and proposed *Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (2007 Election Commitments) Act 2008* to provide for concession cards to remain current for up to 13 weeks when the cardholder travels overseas. Also establishes administrative schemes to provide payments in circumstances where the one-off payment regime does not produce an appropriate result.

Reps: Intro. 14/5/08; Passed 14/5/08

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 15/5/08

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 19, 2008

PS Social Broadcasting Service Amendment (Prohibition of Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2008

(Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Amends the *Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991* to prohibit advertising during programs on SBS television.

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; 2nd reading adjourned 12/3/08
SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

PS State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2008]**R** (Introduced by Senator Murray – AD)

Provides that the ‘one vote, one value’ principle must be observed as closely as possible in state and territory elections.

Senate: Intro. 7/8/01; 2nd reading adjourned 7/8/01, 21/8/03

SBC report 15/01 (tabled and adopted 26/9/01): Deferred

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/pending

Reference: Referred to Legal and Constitutional References Committee 9/9/03; extension of time to report 28/10/03; interim report tabled 1/3/04; extension of time to report 1/3/04; report tabled 3/3/04

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

S Statute Law Revision Bill 2008

The bill: amends 40 Acts to correct clerical and drafting errors; repeals 27 obsolete Acts; and amends 88 Acts to replace gender-specific language with gender-neutral language.

Senate: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 15/5/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 25/6/08**Assent: 3/7/08; Act No. 73, 2008****PS Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008**

(Introduced by Senator Bartlett – AD)

The bill: provides for compensation payments for certain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons removed from their families; establishes the Stolen Generations Tribunal and Stolen Generations Fund and their functions and powers; and provides for additional support services.

Senate: Intro. 14/2/08; 2nd reading adjourned 14/2/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; report tabled 16/6/08

S Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Amends: 29 Acts to reflect the introduction of the Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan (PSSAP) and establishment of the Australian Reward Investment Alliance to administer the Commonwealth Superannuation (CSS) and Public Sector Superannuation Schemes and PSSAP; five superannuation Acts to reflect the new regime for legislative instruments under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*; and the *Superannuation Act 1976* and *Superannuation (Productivity Benefit) Act 1988* to meet a change to the superannuation guarantee requiring employers to use ordinary time earnings as the earnings base for employees. Also repeals the Schedule to the *Superannuation Act 1990*.

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 15/5/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 4/6/08**Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 26, 2008**

Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997* to: clarify certain aspects of the operation of the Slot Management Scheme; enable the minister to vary the operation of the Compliance Scheme regime; and enable the minister to delegate his or her power to appoint members to the Compliance Committee.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

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

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to: removing tax deductibility for contributions and gifts to political parties, members and candidates; and extensions of the beneficiary tax offset to the Equine Workers Hardship Wage Supplement Payment; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* in relation to tax-free superannuation lump sums paid to persons with a terminal medical condition; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to: deductions for capital expenditure for the establishment of trees in carbon sink forests; and tax-free grants under the Tobacco Growers Adjustment Assistance Programme 2006 to certain tobacco growers; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* in relation to the farm management deposit scheme.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 21/2/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 11/3/08; Negated at 3rd reading 26/6/08

Reference: Provisions of Schedule 1 referred to Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters 19/3/08; report tabled 17/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Committee amendments: 2 Govt/passed; 5 Schedules negated; 4 AG/negated

[Amendments to motion that report from committee be adopted 26/6/08: 1 Opp/passed (reference to committee); 1 AG to Opp/negated]

Reference: Matters relating to carbon sink forests referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee 26/6/08; report due 22/8/08

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to: amounts misappropriated by an employee or agent; the capital gains tax market value substitution rule for interests in certain companies and trusts; exempting from income tax the Endeavour Executive Award and research fellowships under the Awards program; early completion bonuses for apprentices; the list of deductible gift recipients; deductions for capital expenditure for the establishment of trees in carbon sink forests; tax-free grants under the Tobacco Growers Adjustment Assistance Programme 2006 to certain tobacco growers; and income tax exemptions for rent assistance paid to Austudy recipients and Carer Adjustment Payment recipients; *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* in relation to extending the superannuation guarantee late payment offset; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* in relation to tax-free superannuation lump sums paid to persons with a terminal medical condition; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to extensions of the beneficiary tax offset to the Equine Workers Hardship Wage Supplement Payment; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* in relation to the farm management deposit scheme.

Reps: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 14/5/08

CID amendments: 6 Govt/passed

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 17/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Committee amendments: 3 Govt/passed

[Reps agreed to Senate amendments 23/6/08]

Assent: 24/6/08; Act No. 38, 2008

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

Amends the: *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to the tax treatment of shareholder and unitholder rights (to retrospectively apply to rights issued on or after 1 July 2001); and *Taxation Administration Act 1953* in relation to: the restriction on goods and services tax refunds; and time limits for the recovery and refund of indirect tax.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 5/6/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

CID amendments: 3 Govt/passed

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Provisions of Schedules 1 and 2 referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 18/8/08

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008

Amends the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to: provide private health insurance policy holders with capital gains tax relief when insurers demutualise; limit lineal descendants to children or grandchildren of the test individual or their spouse; and remove the ability for family trusts to make a variation to the test individual specified in a family trust election; and makes technical amendments to eight other Acts.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 27/8/08

Tax Laws Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* to remove the fringe benefits tax (FBT) exemption for food and drink provided as part of a salary sacrifice arrangement; *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to restrict FBT exemptions for certain work-related items; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* in relation to the tax treatment of employee share scheme arrangements; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to increase to four years the period over which depreciable in-house software can be written off for tax purposes.

Reps: Intro. 27/5/08; Passed 28/5/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 25/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report tabled 24/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 59, 2008

Tax Laws Amendment (Election Commitments No. 1) Bill 2008

Part of a package of three bills, the bill amends the *Income Tax Act 1986*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* and *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to introduce a new withholding tax regime for distributions of managed investment trust income to residents of countries with which Australia has effective exchange of information for tax matters; and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to exempt from income tax the Prime Minister's Literary Award.

Reps: Intro. 4/6/08; Passed 18/6/08
2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/negated

Senate: Intro. 18/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 32, 2008

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008

Part of a package of four bills to increase the luxury car tax rate from 1 July 2008, the bill amends the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999* to increase the tax rate from 25 per cent to 33 per cent.

Reps: Intro. 26/5/08; Passed 28/5/08
CID amendment: 1 Ind (Windsor)/negated

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2008

Amends the *A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Act 1999* and *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to increase the Medicare levy and Medicare levy surcharge low income threshold amounts for individuals, families and pensioners below age pension age and increase the phase-in limits as a result of the increased threshold amounts, from the 2007-08 financial year.

Reps: Intro. 27/5/08; Passed 28/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 18/6/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 50, 2008

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008

Amends the *A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Act 1999* and *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to increase the Medicare levy surcharge threshold to \$100,000 for individuals and to \$150,000 for families.

Reps: Intro. 27/5/08; Passed 29/5/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 16/6/08

Reference: Bill and related matters referred to Economics Committee 18/6/08; report due not before 26/8/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Deferred

Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Income Tax Rates Act 1986* to increase the threshold for the 30 per cent marginal tax rate (from 1 July 2008) and phase-in a decrease to the 40 per cent marginal tax rate commencing 1 July 2009; *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to increase the maximum amount of low income tax offset; and *Medicare Levy Act 1986* to increase the income threshold that applies to taxpayers who are eligible for the senior Australians tax offset.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 16/6/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report presented 1/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08

Committee amendments: 34 Dem/negated; 28 AG/negated

Assent: 23/6/08; Act No. 29, 2008

PS Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, *Social Security Act 1991* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to: abolish the distinction between full-time and part-time scholarships and make all scholarships which satisfy certain criteria tax free; and extend the exemption for fee-waiver, fee-pay and Commonwealth Learning Scholarships from the social security personal income test to University Equity Scholarships.

Senate: Intro. 21/6/05; 2nd reading adjourned 21/6/05

SBC report 7/05 (tabled and adopted 10/8/05): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to: extend sunset provisions relating to network protection activities undertaken by network administrators in law enforcement and security agencies; clarify reporting requirements for warrants; clarify that multiple telecommunications devices can be intercepted on a one named person warrant; and make consequential and technical amendments.

Reps: Intro. 20/2/08; Passed 12/3/08

Senate: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 14/5/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): Referred to Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee; interim report presented 1/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08; final report presented 6/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Dem/negated

Committee amendments: 20 Govt/passed; 1 subsection negated; 1 Dem/negated

[Reps agreed to Senate amendments 14/5/08]

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 23, 2008

Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

Responds to the Full Federal Court decision in *Hong Kong Bank of Australia Ltd v Australian Securities Commission* (1992) by amending the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* and *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* to ensure officeholders can validly authorise others to act on their behalf in performing legislative functions. Also makes minor technical amendments to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979*.

Reps: Intro. 25/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 25/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): No reference

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Communications Fund) Bill 2008

Amends the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999* to: allow money in the Communications Fund to be used for the deployment of a National Broadband Network; and make consequential and transitional amendments.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 19/3/08

Senate: Intro. 20/3/08; 2nd reading adjourned 20/3/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): Provisions of bill referred to Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee; report presented 30/4/08 and tabled 13/5/08

Discharged from *Notice Paper* 17/6/08

S Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network) Bill 2008

Amends the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to require telecommunications carriers to disclose certain information to the Commonwealth which can be disclosed to companies considering responding to a proposal for the development of a National Broadband Network. The requirement to provide information ceases 12 months after the legislation commences.

Senate: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 14/5/08

Reference: Referred to Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee 20/3/08; interim report presented 7/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08; final report presented 9/5/08 and tabled 13/5/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 Opp/passed

Committee amendments: 13 Govt/passed; 16 Opp (1 amended by Dem)/passed; 2 Govt/negated

Reps: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 15/5/08

CID amendments: 18 Govt/passed

[Senate agreed to Reps amendments 15/5/08]

Assent: 26/5/08; Act No. 22, 2008

PS Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2008]

R (Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Extends the Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme beyond 30 June 2004 (when it was due to lapse).

Senate: Intro. 18/6/03; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/03

SBC report 7/03 (tabled and adopted 25/6/03): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Poisons Standard) Bill 2008

Amends the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* to address legal consequences arising from the Federal Court decision in *Roche Products v National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee* [2007] FCA 1352 (30 August 2007) by: providing that the Poisons Standard and its amendments are legislative instruments for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*; retrospectively reinstating certain amendments made to the Standard before the Roche decision; exempting the Standard from section 42 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* relating to disallowance; and providing for ‘just terms’ compensation in the event that these measures could result in any acquisition of property.

Reps: Intro. 14/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

CID amendments: 2 Govt/passed

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 9, 2008

Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges) Bill 2008

Amends the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* and *Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act 1989* in relation to the collection and imposition of annual charges and the granting of exemptions from a liability to pay annual charges, and makes technical and consequential amendments.

Reps: Intro. 18/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 18/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 6/08 (tabled and adopted 25/6/08): No reference

Trade Practices Amendment (Access Declarations) Bill 2008

Amends the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to provide that telecommunications access declarations and extension notices which extend the period of access declarations are not legislative instruments for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 11/3/08

Senate: Intro. 12/3/08; Passed 13/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 7, 2008

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

R (Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to prohibit large businesses from acquiring shares, assets or other companies through buyouts or takeovers which result in reducing fair competition.

Senate: Intro. 20/9/07; 2nd reading adjourned 20/9/07

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 13/2/08

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report due 27/8/08

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008

In response to certain recommendations of the Senate Economics References Committee's report into the effectiveness of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in protecting small business, the bill amends section 46 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to: address predatory pricing; clarify the role of recoupment in predatory pricing cases; clarify the meaning of 'take advantage'; confer jurisdiction on the Federal Magistrates Court in matters arising under the section; and amends the competition code similarly. Also amends the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and *Trade Practices Act 1974* to: require a Deputy Chairperson of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to have a small business background; remove the price thresholds applicable to unconscionable conduct cases; and clarify the ACCC's information gathering powers.

Reps: Intro. 26/6/08; 2nd reading adjourned 26/6/08

Senate:

SBC report 7/08 (tabled and adopted 26/6/08): Provisions of bill referred to Economics Committee; report due 27/8/08

Tradex Scheme Amendment Bill 2008

Amends the *Tradex Scheme Act 1999* to separate the Act from provisions of the Customs Regulations that allow for the drawback of customs duty (the Drawback Regulations). Also makes administrative changes.

Reps: Intro. 21/2/08; Passed 19/3/08

Senate: Intro. 20/3/08; Passed 20/3/08

SBC report 2/08 (tabled and adopted 12/3/08): No reference

Assent: 8/4/08; **Act No. 18, 2008**

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

(Introduced by Senator Fielding – FFP)

Amends the *National Measurement Act 1960* to: require grocery retailers to display unit prices of products sold by measure, weight or volume; provide for a penalty regime for breaches; appoint unit pricing inspectors to monitor compliance; and require the secretary to undertake certain guidance functions.

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; 2nd reading adjourned 15/5/08

SBC report 5/08 (tabled and adopted 18/6/08): Referred to Economics Committee; report due 2/9/08

PS R Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2008]

(Introduced by Senator Allison – AD)

Prohibits the mining, extraction, treatment and transport of any uranium or uranium ore in or near any property in Australia on the World Heritage List.

Senate: Intro. 28/5/98; 2nd reading adjourned 28/5/98

SBC report 8/98 (tabled and adopted 24/6/98): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 23/11/98, 11/12/02, 17/11/04, 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (International Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to: give effect to arrangements for entering into international agreements in relation to the payment of pensions and providing assistance and benefits to eligible persons; authorise the use of funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for those purposes; and align the veterans' entitlements means test with the social security means test; *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* to make minor and technical consequential amendments; *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006* to extend the period for which the Commonwealth or Australian Federal Police may be considered as a nuclear test participant for the purposes of the Act; and *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* to make minor amendments in relation to a definition and clarifying compensation matters.

Reps: Intro. 19/3/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 26/6/08

SBC report 4/08 (tabled and adopted 14/5/08): No reference

Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (2007 Election Commitments) Bill 2008

Amends the: *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to extend the automatic grant of intermediate and temporary special rate disability pensions to eligible dependants of veterans or members; *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and *Social Security Act 1991* to extend eligibility for income support supplements to certain war widows and widowers; and *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to extend a tax exempt bereavement payment to the estate of certain single pensioners who die in indigent circumstances.

Reps: Intro. 13/3/08; Passed 14/5/08

Senate: Intro. 15/5/08; Passed 19/6/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference

Assent: 25/6/08; Act No. 48, 2008

ED Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008

Establishes Wheat Exports Australia as a statutory entity to regulate the export of bulk wheat through a Wheat Export Accreditation Scheme.

Senate: Exposure draft tabled 11/3/08

Reference: Referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee 12/3/08; extension of time to report 13/3/08; interim report presented 24/4/08 and tabled 13/5/08; final report presented 30/4/08 and tabled 13/5/08

Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008

Establishes Wheat Exports Australia as a statutory entity to regulate the export of bulk wheat through a Wheat Export Accreditation Scheme.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

Committee amendments: 9 LP/passed

[Reps agreed to Senate amendments 23/6/08]

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 65, 2008

ED Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Consequential on the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008, the bill: repeals the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*; makes consequential amendments to four Acts and two regulations; and makes transitional amendments.

Senate: Exposure draft tabled 11/3/08

Reference: Referred to Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee 12/3/08; extension of time to report 13/3/08; interim report presented 24/4/08 and tabled 13/5/08; final report presented 30/4/08 and tabled 13/5/08

Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

Consequential on the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008, the bill: repeals the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*; makes consequential amendments to four Acts and two regulations; and makes transitional amendments.

Reps: Intro. 29/5/08; Passed 4/6/08

Senate: Intro. 16/6/08; Passed 19/6/08

Assent: 30/6/08; Act No. 66, 2008

Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008

Amends the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to: abolish Australian Workplace Agreements; provide transitional arrangements through Individual Transitional Employment Agreements (ITEAs); introduce a no-disadvantage test for ITEAs and collective agreements and ensure no agreement is approved until it passes the test; remove the requirement for a Workplace Relations Fact Sheet; provide that all parties agree to terminate collective workplace agreements; and enable award modernisation processes to be undertaken by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission. Also makes consequential amendments to 16 Acts.

Reps: Intro. 13/2/08; Passed 17/3/08

Senate: Intro. 17/3/08; Passed 18/3/08

SBC report 1/08 (tabled and adopted 14/2/08): No reference

Reference: Referred to Employment, Education and Workplace Relations Committee 14/2/08; report due 28/4/08; report tabled 17/3/08

2nd reading amendment: 1 FFP/negated

Committee amendments: 37 Govt/passed; 16 Dem/negated; 29 AG/negated; 2 Subdivisions opposed/Subdivisions agreed to

[Reps agreed to Senate amendments 19/3/08]

Assent: 20/3/08; Act No. 8, 2008

**PS
R** **Workplace Relations (Guaranteeing Paid Maternity Leave) Amendment Bill 2007 [2008]**

(Introduced by Senator Stott Despoja – AD)

Amends the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to provide for a 14-week government funded, paid maternity leave scheme available to all women in the Australian workforce.

Senate: Intro. 13/9/07; 2nd reading adjourned 13/9/07

SBC report 16/07 (tabled and adopted 20/9/07): No reference

Restored to *Notice Paper* at 2nd reading 14/2/08

SBC report 3/08 (tabled and adopted 19/3/08): No reference