

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Next meeting

The Senate will next meet at **12.30 pm on Tuesday, 11 August 2009.**

2. About the Senate Order of Business (the 'Red')

The *Order of Business* or Senate 'Red', after the red flash printed on its front page, is an informal version of the agenda. It indicates the time at which proceedings will begin and gives details of the broadcasting arrangements for that day. The Red provides the most up-to-date written information available concerning the business proposed to be dealt with by the Senate that day.

This is an invaluable document for senators and staff alike because, although it is only a guide, the Red sets out the full day's likely program. Based on the routine of business for that day in the standing orders, the Red incorporates lists of business from the *Notice Paper* where appropriate and also includes known details of expected business, such as the titles of committee reports, government documents and other papers to be tabled that day.

Otherwise unscheduled items are also included where details are known sufficiently in advance, including messages from the House of Representatives, the topics of ministerial statements and government responses.

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3. Related resources

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Internet: www.aph.gov.au/senate/DynamicRed

Intranet: teamsites.parl.net/DynamicRed/

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