Find a second reading speech (SRS) in Hansard - Resumed

This tutorial will show you how to locate a SRS that has resumed from a debate’s adjournment – using Hansard Indexes
Record of Proceedings (Hansard) – Indexes to Debates

Navigate to Hansard > then to Indexes to Debates. Click on link View Documents.
Our example is the **Legal Profession Bill 2007** (introduced 19 April 2007). This Bill’s second reading speech commenced and then adjourned on the 19 April. To find this SRS’s resumption date, search the **Indexes to Parliamentary Debates**.

Firstly, select the year of the debate.

- View Index for 2008 (PDF - 4.0 MB)
- View Index for 2007 (PDF - 3.63 MB)
- View Index for 2006 - Oct to Dec (PDF - 929 KB)
In the contents, locate references to the Bill and note the page numbers. The page numbers relate to the relevant Hansard. For example, page 1567, is located in Hansard of the 22 May 2007.
Locate the Relevant Hansard

To find the resumed second reading speech, navigate to Hansard > then to **Browse by Sitting Dates**. Click on link to Browse.
Browsing Sitting Dates

The page 1567 that was identified in the Index, is located in Hansard of the 22 May 2007.

Select the year 2007 from the drop down year menu.

Next, click on the date, 22 May.

Then, select the link **Full transcript - Final**.
Navigate Hansard Contents and Locate Resumed SRS

Find the Bill’s title in the table of contents, then click the hyper-text link Second Reading to navigate to the transcript.
Note that the second reading for the Legal Profession Bill Resumed from 19 April – which is the date that the second reading commenced on and then adjourned.

Use the Indexes in this way to trace any debates in Hansard.