

**Committee-related
activity in the chamber**

11 September 2006 to 31 December 2006

Details of Reports tabled in the Senate and other related matters

Bills referred through Selection of Bills Committee:

14 SEPTEMBER 2006

Community Affairs

Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme – New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 10 October 2006)

Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006 (report by 9 October 2006)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, and the provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006 plus a background paper prepared by the Minister on new services on digital spectrum (report by 6 October 2006)

Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade

Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 and Customs Tariff Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 9 October 2006)

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 10 October 2006)

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 9 October 2006)

Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 (report by 10 October 2006)

Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 (report by 16 October 2006)

11 OCTOBER 2006

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 22 November 2006)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 and the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 7 November 2006)

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Upon its introduction in the House of Representatives the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 (report by 17 November 2006).

19 OCTOBER 2006

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 10 November 2006)

Finance and Public Administration

Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 27 November 2006)

8 NOVEMBER 2006

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 28 November 2006)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 30 November 2006)

7 DECEMBER 2006

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Crimes Legislation Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006 (report by 7 February 2007)

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 (report by 8 February 2007)

Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 23 February 2007)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 8 February 2007)

Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 (report by 20 February 2007)

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [Provisions] (report by 20 February 2007)

Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 20 February 2007)

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 20 February 2007)

Finance and Public Administration

Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 20 February 2007)

Community Affairs

Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 and 6 related bills [Provisions] (report by 26 February 2007)

Economics

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 and 6 related bills [Provisions] (report by 6 February 2007)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006 (report by 29 March 2007)

Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 (report by 8 February 2007)

Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport

Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 26 February 2007)

Airspace Bill 2006 and the Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 26 February 2007)

Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (report by 26 February 2007)

References referred

Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Legislative responses to recommendations of the reports of the Legislation Review Committee on the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002* and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* (the Lockhart review) (report by 27 October 2006)

7 NOVEMBER 2006

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Australia's public diplomacy (report by 29 March 2007)

8 NOVEMBER 2006

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations (report by 16 August 2007)

Reports tabled

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees tabled 26 reports (plus 3 reports that did not discharge a reference). The details are as follows:

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity Bill 2006 Provisions]	11.9.06
LC	^Interim Report – Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill2005 [Provisions]	14.9.06

Committee	Report	Tabled
ECO	Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No.4) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented (out of session on 4 October 2006)	9.10.06
ECITA	Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006, and the Provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 and the Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006; plus a background paper prepared by the Minister on new services on digital spectrum (presented out of session on 6 October 2006)	9.10.06
ECO	*Interim Report – Petrol Pricing in Australia	9.10.06
EWRE	Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006	9.10.06
CA	Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006	9.10.06
LC	Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bills 2005 [Provisions], Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006 [Provisions]	9.10.06
CA	Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme – New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006	10.10.06
FADT	Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 and Customs Tariff Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006	11.10.06
LC	Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006	12.10.06

Committee	Report	Tabled
LC	Crimes Amendment (Bail and (Sentencing) Bill 2006	16.10.06
CA	Breaking the silence: a national voice for gynaecological cancers	19.10.06
EWRE	Perspectives on the future of the harvest labour force	19.10.06
CA	*Interim Report – Legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart Review (presented out of session on 27 October 2006)	6.11.06
FADT	Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 27 October 2006)	6.11.06
CA	Legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart Review (presented out of session on 30 October 2006)	6.11.06
FADT	Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 [Provisions] and Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	8.11.06
LC	*Interim report: Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 10 November 2006)	27.11.06
LC	Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 13 November 2006)	27.11.06
ECITA	Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 21 November 2006)	27.11.06
LC	Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 22 November 2006)	27.11.06

Committee	Report	Tabled
FPA	Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [Provisions]	27.11.06
LC	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 [Provisions] and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [Provisions]	28.11.06
EWRE	Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [Provisions]	30.11.06
RRAT	Water policy initiatives	5.12.06
ECO	Petrol Pricing in Australia	7.12.06
FADT	Blue water ships: Consolidating past achievements	7.12.06
LC	Unfinished Business: Indigenous Stolen Wages	7.12.06

**Interim Report that did not discharge a reference*

^The final report for Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 [Provisions] was amalgamated with the 2006 Bills and tabled on 9 October 2006

Estimates reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees did not table any reports.

Annual Report reports:

During the reporting period, Senate Standing Committees did no table any reports.

Joint Statutory/Select Committees:

During the reporting period, 1 report that did not discharge a reference was tabled by a Joint Statutory Committee.

Committee	Report	Tabled
ACC	*Examination of the Annual Report for 2004-2005 of the Australian Crime Commission	19.10.06

**Report that did not discharge a reference*

Government Responses to Committee Reports

The following table shows 6 Government responses to a Senate Committee Report:

Government response	Date	Committee
China's emergence: implications for Australia (presented out of session on 2 November 2006)	6.11.06	FADT
Trafficking of women for sexual servitude First Report	9.11.06	ACC
Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005	30.11.06	LC
Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i>	30.11.06	LC
Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005	5.12.06	FPA
Inquiry into Australian Expatriates	7.12.06	LC

A complete list of Government responses is produced in the Business of the Senate published half yearly by the Senate Table Office.

Additional Comments; Dissenting Reports; Minority Reports; Report; Additional Remarks; Comments; Supplementary; Additional Comments & Points of Dissent; and Supplementary Comments

(Note: These statistics record the signatory to the reports)

<i>Legislation:</i>	<i>LP/NATS</i>	<i>ALP</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>AG</i>	<i>FFP</i>
Additional Comments		23	6	6	1
Dissenting Reports	3	1	1		1
Minority Reports		6	4	1	
Report		7	1	1	
Additional Remarks		3			
Comments			1		
Supplementary	1	4	1		
Supplementary Comments		3			
Additional Comments & Points of Dissent			2		

Extension of Time to present Reports

During the reporting period, 14 extensions of time – 5 under a week; 5 over a week; and 4 over a month - were granted to Committees administered by the Senate Committee Office to present reports.

Leave to Meet while the Senate is in session

During the reporting period, Senate Committees were granted leave to meet while the Senate was in session on 15 occasions.

Change of Committee Name and Membership of Committees

With effect from 11 September 2006, Legal and Constitutional's title was changed to Legal and Constitutional Affairs. During the reporting period, there were 513 membership changes of Committees.