



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 6 November 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.58pm

Legislation

For [full text of bills](#) and other associated documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 November 2006]
- ❑ Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2006]
- ❑ Inspector of Transport Security Bill 2006 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 November 2006]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 30 October 2006]
- ❑ Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 November 2006]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion

To introduce a bill

A notice of motion was given by Senator Bob Brown to introduce the Climate Change Action Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Reported

Agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006
 - ❑ Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006
 - ❑ Public Works Committee Amendment Bill 2006
- [These bills will now be assented to]

Informing the Senate that the House has agreed to the further amendments made by the Senate to the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006. This bill will now be assented to.

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- [Amendment of List of Specimens](#) taken to be suitable for live import
- [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2006 \(No. 1\)](#)
- [Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2006 \(No. 1\)](#)

See **Documents** for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation were tabled as follows:

- [Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Other reports were tabled as follows:

- Community Affairs Committee—Legislative responses to the Lockhart review—
 - Interim report
 - [Final report](#)
 - Corrigendum
 - Additional information received by the Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—[408th report](#)—Annual report 2005-06

Government response

A [government response](#) to the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on Australia's relationship with China was tabled.

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 7 November 2006 from 9.30am to 1.30pm for the committee's inquiry into the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006.

Notices of motion given

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—10 November 2006 from 9am—Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006

To refer matters to committees:

- ❑ Adequacy of Australia's [aviation safety regime](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 19 June 2007
- ❑ Changing nature of Australia's involvement in [peacekeeping operations](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 16 August 2007
- ❑ Nature and conduct of Australia's [public diplomacy](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 29 March 2007

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

[Senator Carr](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2490 asked on 14 September 2006 relating to the tender process for the supply of pandemic influenza packs. [The Minister](#) provided an explanation and indicated that an answer would be provided.

Notices of motion

For other [notices of motion](#) not mentioned elsewhere

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit reports nos [9](#) and [10](#) of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of Parliamentary Services—[Annual report 2005-06](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the design of artworks at Reconciliation Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- ❑ Response from the Attorney-General to a Senate [resolution](#) about Child Protection Week [resolution agreed to on 7 September 2006]
- ❑ [5 petitions](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 25 October 2006, of Richard Cleaver, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Swan, Western Australia from 1955 to 1969
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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