



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 9 May 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.52pm

Budget 2006-07

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The Minister for Finance and Administration tabled the [Budget statement](#) for the year 2006-07 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements. The Opposition, minor parties and independent senators will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday 11 May 2006.

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) by the Minister for Finance and Administration to refer documents to legislation committees to enable the committees to examine the proposed budget. This initiates the estimates hearings process. Portfolio budget statements and portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements for [parliamentary](#) and [executive departments](#) were also tabled.

New senator sworn in

[Senator Cory Bernardi](#) (Liberal Party, South Australia) [was sworn in](#) to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Hill

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2006
- Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006
- OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006—second reading debate continued

No bills were passed

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- ❑ Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The 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

For a complete list of [notices of motion to disallow](#) (and outcomes)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ A national approach to mental health: From crisis to community–Final report–Mental Health Select Committee
- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2005–Exposure draft–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006–Interim report and final report–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- ❑ Federal Magistrates Amendment (Disability and Death Benefits) Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Funding and disclosure: Inquiry into disclosure of donations to political parties and candidates–Electoral Matters Joint Committee
- ❑ Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

- Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2005–Interim report–Economics Legislation Committee
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK)–Intelligence and Security Joint Committee
- Senators’ Interests Committee–Report 2 of 2006: Review of arrangements for registration of senators’ interests [Senator Webber moved [a motion](#) to adopt the recommendation contained in the report. The motion will be considered on a future sitting day.]

Government response to report tabled

- Free Trade Agreement–Australia and the United States of America Select Committee–Final report

Document tabled

- Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Corrigendum

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following appointments to committee membership:

- All legislation and references committees–Senator Bernardi appointed as a participating member
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Senator Nash appointed

Reporting date extended

- Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2005–Final report–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 11 May 2006

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 11 May 2006

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–13 June 2006 from 5pm to 8pm–Statutory oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–11 May 2006 from 11am to 12.30pm–Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation

To refer a matter to a committee

- [Role of the religious](#) organisation Exclusive Brethren and related matters–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 8 August 2006

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Make Poverty History campaign](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Women's issues](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Ludwig gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Justice and Customs to provide the report of the Border Rationalisation Taskforce prepared in 1998 to the President for presentation to the Senate—no later than 18 May 2006

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 36 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Management of the Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Project – Air 87: Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation
- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 37 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The management of infrastructure, plant and equipment assets
- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 38 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The Australian Research Council's management of research grants
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- ❑ National Schools Constitution Convention 2006, Old Parliament House, 29 to 31 March 2006—Communique
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about aged care—from the Premier of Queensland [[resolution agreed](#) to 1 March 2006]
- ❑ [6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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