



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 10 October 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until midnight

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 October 2006]

The following bill was restored to the Notice Paper

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Protecting the Great Barrier Reef from Oil Drilling and Exploration) Amendment Bill 2003 [2006] [private senator's bill from the previous Parliament]

The following bills were debated

- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006  
Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

### Notice of motion

To consider bills together

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Justice and Customs to allow two communications bills introduced in the House of Representatives to be considered together with two broadcasting bills introduced in the Senate.

### 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)

### Notices of motion to disallow given

- Senator Murray gave a [notice](#) to disapprove determinations that aggregate the charter and communications allowances of members of Parliament representing electorates covering 10,000km<sup>2</sup> or more.
- The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a [notice](#) to disallow the Amendment List of Specimens Taken to be Suitable for Live Import.

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Report tabled

- [Child Support Legislation](#) Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Community Affairs Committee

### Documents tabled

- Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005—Community Affairs Committee—additional information

### Meetings during Senate sittings

The Senate authorised the Treaties Joint Committee to hold a private meeting from 8pm.

The Senate authorised the Finance and Public Administration Committee to hold public meetings:

- On 11 October 2006 from 4pm to 6pm—operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts
- On 12 October 2006 from 3.30pm to 7pm—transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure

Notices of motion were given to authorise committees to hold public meetings as follows:

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—19 October 2006 from 9.30am to 10.30am—civics and electoral education
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—12 October 2006 from 4.30pm to 6pm, and 18 October 2006 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm—water policy initiatives

### Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee inquiry into the Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 to 12 October 2006.

## Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Managed investment schemes](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [World Day Against the Death Penalty](#)—moved by Senator Allison

The Senate *did not agree* to a motion moved by Senator Milne about [nuclear non-proliferation](#).

The Senate discussed aspects of the sale of Telstra, raised by Senator Conroy as a matter of public importance [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to orders:

- ❑ Requiring the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table the review of the Community Partner program conducted by Deloitte Touche Tomatsu—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to table submissions by the Transurban Group supporting a claim for taxation deductions under the Infrastructure Borrowings Tax Offset Scheme—moved by Senator Allison

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

## 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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