



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 12 October 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.45pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs limiting debate on the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills.

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006
Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2006]
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2006]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Enabling Permanent Protection) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]—Second reading debate commenced [private senator's bill] [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

See Journal entry [no. 18](#) for details of consideration of these bills.

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006—54 Government amendments agreed to; 1 subdivision negated [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006—69 Government amendments agreed to; 1 item negated [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006—7 government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Messages from the House were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005. These bills will now be assented to.

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)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- [Privacy Legislation](#) Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 16 October 2006 from 7.30pm for the committee's inquiry into the performance of the Australian Federal Police.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee into the Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 to 27 October 2006

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Committee–Senator Ferris to replace Senator Adams for the committee's inquiry into legislative responses to the Lockhart review on 24 October 2006
- Economics Committee–Senator Parry to replace Senator Bernardi for the committee's inquiry into petrol pricing in Australia on 13 October 2006
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–Senator Webber appointed as a participating member

Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ Death of West Papuan politician, [Mr Willem Zonggonau](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [National Weedbuster Week](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [World Sight Day](#)—moved by Senator Crossin

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Indigenous Australians](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Nuclear non-proliferation](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Nuclear weapons](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Ministerial statement

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage tabled a ministerial statement about skills for the future. The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator Nettle to take note of the statement. [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

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 are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 6](#) of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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