



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 13 September 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.36pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Independent Contractors Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]
- ❑ Judiciary Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Complementary Protection Visas) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 5) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]
- ❑ Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Independent Contractors) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006—5 government amendments agreed to [see Journal entries [5](#) and [32](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2006—[1 opposition amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

### Notices of motion to introduce bills

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006—Notice given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006—Notice given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006—Notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) Bill 2006—Notice given by the Minister for Finance and Administration
- ❑ Social Security (Helping Pensioners Hit by the Skills Shortage) Bill 2006—Notice given by Senator Evans [private senator's bill]

### 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](#)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[Report No. 14](#) of 2006—Facilities upgrade to Shoalwater Bay training area, Rockhampton, Queensland
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[Report No. 15](#) of 2006—Facilities for troop lift helicopter, RAAF Base Townsville, Queensland
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2006 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee—Documents relating to matters considered by the committee

### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 14 September 2006 from 3.30pm for the committee's inquiry into the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006.

### Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee into the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 to 9 October 2006.

### Notices of motion given to refer matters to a committee

Two notices of motion were given to refer legislative responses to recommendations of the [Lockhart review](#) to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 27 October 2006.

### Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Afghanistan](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Religious intolerance and racial discrimination](#)—moved by Senators Stephens and Mason
- ❑ [Foster carers](#)—moved by Senators Bartlett and Siewert

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Superannuation and child care workers](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Macquarie Marshes](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Mr Barry Hemsworth](#) and unfair dismissal laws—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Ms Cornelia Rau](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

### Notices of motion

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

### Orders for the production of documents

#### Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to table the National Disabilities Advocacy Program Review 2006.

### Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Analysis of advice on developments in assisted reproductive technology—[Report](#) prepared by mpconsulting—tabled by leave
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [A petition](#) was presented

## Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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