



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 14 June 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.35pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Fuel Tax Bill 2006
- Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed without amendment

- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Tax Reduction and Improved Depreciation Arrangements) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill]

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 \(and outcomes\)](#)

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 14 June 2006—ie by 4 September 2006]:

- ❑ Airworthiness Directive Part 39 – 105 – AD/750XL/6: Centre Console Wiring Loom, made under subregulation 39(1) of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—notice given by Senator Scullion
- ❑ Civil Aviation Order 82.1 Amendment Order (No. 2) 2006, made under paragraph 28BA(1)(b) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*—notice given by Senator Scullion
- ❑ Instrument made by the Governor-General on 13 June 2006 under subsection 35(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*, disallowing the *Civil Unions Act 2006* (ACT)—notice given by Senators Ludwig, Nettle and Stott Despoja
- ❑ Instrument No. CASA 49/06, made under subregulations 42ZC(6) and 308(1) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988—notice given by Senator Scullion

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Proposed construction of housing for Defence at Fairview Rise, Ipswich, Queensland—10th report of 2006—Public Works Joint Committee
- ❑ Proposed HMAS *Cairns* redevelopment, Cairns, Queensland—9th report of 2006—Public Works Joint Committee
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2006 and [3rd report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 5](#) of 2006 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—19 June 2006 from 5.45pm—Amphetamines and other synthetic drugs

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Pacific region seasonal contract labour—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 18 October 2006
- ❑ Water policy initiatives—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 30 November 2006

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–16 June 2006 from 9am–Australia’s national parks
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–19 June 2006 from 4.30pm–Implementation of recommendations on Australia’s military justice system
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Defence sub-committee–16 June 2006 from 9.30am to 11.15am–Defence annual report 2004-05
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Trade sub-committee–16 June 2006 from 11.45am to 4pm–Review of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–16 June 2006 from 9.30am to 3.30pm–Certain taxation matters
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–22 June 2006 from 10am to noon–Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–23 June 2006 from 10am to 4pm–Auditor-General’s reports

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Baha’i community](#) in Iran–moved by Senators Scullion and Humphries
- ❑ [Whaling–recent reports](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Guantanamo Bay](#)–return of David Hicks to Australia–moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Nuclear waste repositories](#)–moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Tobacco–social costs](#)–moved by Senator Allison

Questions on notice–failure to provide answers

[Senator Allison asked](#) the Minister for the Environment and Heritage for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 1708 and 1709 relating to the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. [The minister](#) did not provide an explanation but indicated that answers would be provided.

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum–14th annual meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 to 20 January 2006 and visit to Papua New Guinea, 21 to 25 January 2006–Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation
- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 46 of 2005-06–Performance audit–Commonwealth State Housing Agreement follow-up audit: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

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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