



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 14 September 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.51pm

*The Senate has now completed the Spring sittings and will commence its next sittings on [9 October 2006](#)*

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ National Cattle Disease Eradication Account Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 September 2006]
- ❑ Social Security (Helping Pensioners Hit by the Skills Shortage) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2006—Second reading debate continued [private senator's bill] [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No. 1) 2006—[8 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Immunisation) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Harmful Anti-fouling Systems) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005–[2 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

A message from the House was reported, agreeing to the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 [2006] without amendment. The bill 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](#)

### **Estimates**

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled as follows:

- ❑ Community Affairs Committee–Budget estimates 2006-07
- ❑ Economics Committee–Budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2005-06 and 2006-07
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Budget estimates 2006-07
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–Budget estimates 2006-07
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Budget estimates 2006-07
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Additional and budget estimates 2005-06 and 2006-07

## Reports tabled

### Reports on legislation

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005—[Interim report](#)—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee [Final reporting date extended to 9 October 2006]

### Other reports

- Publications Committee—[15th Report](#) [report adopted]

## Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee to hold meetings while the Senate is sitting at [various times](#).

## New inquiries

The Senate referred to the Community Affairs Committee the question of legislative responses to the [Lockhart review](#) of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002* and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*. The reporting date for the inquiry is 27 October 2006.

- Senator Stott Despoja tabled an [exposure draft](#) of the Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) and Related Research Amendment Bill 2006

## Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 10](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended the following references:

### *Community Affairs Committee*

- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 9 October 2006
- Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 10 October 2006

### *Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee*

- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 6 October 2006
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 6 October 2006
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 6 October 2006
- Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 6 October 2006
- Background paper by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts on new services on digital spectrum—for inquiry and report by 6 October 2006

*Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee*

- ❑ Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 and a related bill—for inquiry and report by 9 October 2006
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 10 October 2006

*Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee*

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006 and a related bill—for inquiry and report by 9 October 2006
- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 16 October 2006
- ❑ Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006—for inquiry and report by 12 October 2006

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee memberships.

## **Other debates and motions**

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Stephens about the death of [Mr Hakim Taniwal](#).

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Climate change in the Pacific region](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Foreign news in China](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Genetically-engineered plants](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Migration Act](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Nuclear tests at Maralinga](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Senator Bob Brown sought to move a motion about the right [die with dignity](#). There was an objection to his request. The senator moved a procedural motion seeking to bring about debate on the matter, but this was not agreed to by the Senate. [[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

Statements of compliance for [2 agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Australian Research Council was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

## Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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