



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 17 August 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.10pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2006]
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 August 2006]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Return to Procedural Fairness) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

### The following bills were passed without amendments

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control and Quarantine) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Australia-Japan Foundation (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Trade Marks Amendment Bill 2006 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

### The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006— The message reported that the House of Representatives had made the [amendments requested](#) by the Senate - The bill was read a third time [The House will now consider the [amendments](#) made by 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)

### Motions to disallow delegated legislation defeated

The Senate **did not agree** to motions which would have disallowed the following regulations:

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 298, specifying the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation, and made under the Criminal Code Act 1995—moved by Senator Bob Brown [[first speaker](#) – see also debate on the motion on [16 August 2006](#)]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Operational Separation – Designated Services) Determination (No. 1) 2005, made under subclause 50A(1) of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Act 1997 *and* Telecommunications (Requirements for Operational Separation Plan) Determination (No. 1) 2005, made under paragraph 51(1)(d) of Schedule 1 to the Telecommunications Act 1997—moved by Senator Conroy [[first speaker](#)]

### Notice was given of motions to disallow the following

- ❑ Schedules 1 and 3 to the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 211 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*—given by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 211 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*—given by Senators Murray and Evans

### Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Fisheries Levy (Torres Strait Prawn Fishery) Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 3 and made under the *Fisheries Levy Act 1984*:

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Estimates

*Additional information* arising from estimates hearings was tabled as follows:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2005-06 and 2006-07
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Additional and budget estimates 2005-06 and 2006-07
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional and budget estimates 2005-06

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2006-07
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Additional and budget estimates 2005-06 and 2006-07

### Reports tabled

*Reports on legislation* were tabled as follows:

- Provisions of the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006–Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

*Other reports* were tabled as follows:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Australia’s military justice system–First progress report [including a correction tabled later in the day] [[report](#)]
- Publications Committee–[14th report](#) [report adopted]

### Government response to a committee report tabled

A [government response](#) to the report of the Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee on the examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission was tabled.

### Motions to refer matters to committees

- [Administration of quarantine](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–moved by Senator O’Brien and debated
- [Temporary business long stay visas](#)–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–moved by Senator Ludwig and debated [see also debate on the motion on [15 August 2006](#)]

As divisions may not be held after 4.30pm on a Thursday [see [temporary order of the Senate](#)] the votes on these motions will be taken on 4 September 2006

### Membership

- Community Affairs References Committee–Senator Marshall appointed as a participating member
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Senator Scullion appointed as a participating member

## Questions on notice–failure to provide answers

[Senator O’Brien asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice relating to import permits. [The Minister](#) provided an explanation.

[Senator Milne asked](#) the Minister for the Environment and Heritage for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question on notice relating to solar energy. [The Minister](#) provided an explanation.

## Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senators Moore and Allison about the [International Day of Peace](#).

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Brickworks development](#) at Perth Airport—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Retail development](#) at Sydney Airport—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [University of Sydney](#) services for students—moved by Senator Nettle

## Orders for the production of documents

### Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Wortley requiring the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to table a report by the Department of Immigration on the employment of workers on subclass 457 visas was defeated

### Notice of motion given

Senator Stott Despoja gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table the report prepared for the Government by Matthew Pegg Consulting Pty Ltd on developments in assisted reproductive technology by 5 September 2006

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

#### *Unproclaimed legislation*

A document was tabled showing details of unproclaimed Acts, together with a statement of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation [[Standing order 139\(2\)](#) requires tabling before 31 August each year]

## Documents

The following *documents* were tabled:

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America, 11 to 23 July 2006—Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments to senators and members, 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure, 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

