



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 19 October 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.16pm

The Senate will meet again on 6 November 2006. Senate committees will meet from 30 October 2006 to examine [supplementary budget estimates](#).

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Review) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]
- Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006—Second reading debate continued [private senator's bill] [[first speaker](#)]

Disagreement resolved

The Senate concluded its consideration of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005. The Bill had been amended by the Senate in October 2005. On 18 October 2006 the House considered the Senate amendments and accepted 5 government amendments but rejected an amendment which removed a schedule from the bill. The House also made further amendments to the bill.

The Senate considered the message from the House in relation to those amendments on 18 and 19 October and resolved not to insist on the contested amendment, agreed to the further amendments made by the House, and also agreed to [7 amendments](#) moved by Senator Fielding.

The House agreed to the further Senate amendments. The bill will now be assented to.

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006
Customs Tariff Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) Bill 2006 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Judiciary Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Reported

Agreeing to the following bills without amendments:

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006
 - ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006
 - ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006
 - ❑ Crimes Act Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill (No. 1) 2006
- [These bills will now be assented to]

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

Considered

The Senate also concluded its consideration of the message from the House relating to the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 – see Bills Considered, above.

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow the following instruments: Inclusion of species in the list of threatened species ([Nos 42 to 45](#))

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

The following additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled:

Additional budget estimates 2003-04:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Budget estimates 2006-07:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Economics Legislation Committee
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report for 2004-05 of the Australian Crime Commission
- Community Affairs Committee—Breaking the silence: A national voice for gynaecological cancers
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—Perspectives on the future of the harvest labour force
- Publications Committee—16th Report [report adopted]
- Treaties Joint Committee—Report No. 79—Treaties tabled on 10 May, 5 and 6 September 2006
- Treaties Joint Committee—Report No. 80—Treaties tabled on 28 March and 5 September 2006

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 12](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended the following references:

- Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 10 November 2006
- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006—Finance and Public Administration Committee—to report by 27 November 2006

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Finance and Public Administration Committee into the transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure to 7 December 2006

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Ferris to replace Senator Bernardi as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget estimates on 30 October 2006, until 10pm.

Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs to approve [2 proposals](#) for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone.

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Casualties in Iraq](#) since March 2003—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Fifth anniversary](#) of the sinking of the SIEV X—moved by Senator Senators Bartlett, Lundy and Nettle

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Ludwig requiring the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table the OECD foreign bribery survey response by AWB Limited was defeated.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Department of the Senate—Annual report 2005-06
- Commissioner of Taxation—Annual report 2005-06—Correction
- [8 petitions](#)

