



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 7 February 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.37pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 February 2007]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Bill 2006 and a related bill—second reading debate continued [The Australian Democrats moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

### Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 [2007]—Agreeing to the bill without amendment [This 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)

### Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- [regulations](#) to amend the A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Regulations 2003 by extending the years for transitional GST assistance to 30 June 2009
- [determination](#) providing guidelines for the exercise of the power to give public interest certificates for the purposes of paragraph 208(1)(a) of the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 by the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)  
For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation were tabled as follows:

- [Crimes Legislation](#) Amendment (National Investigative Powers and Witness Protection) Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 and related bills—Economics Committee

Other reports were tabled as follows:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Australia's future oil supply—[Final report](#) [This report was debated—[first speaker](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 1](#) of 2007 and [1st report](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Documents tabled

An erratum and additional information were tabled in relation to the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into water policy initiatives.

### New Inquiry

The Senate referred to the Committee of Privileges [matters](#) concerning possible false or misleading evidence given before the Finance and Public Administration References Committee and refusal to answer questions put by the committee when required to do so.

### Proposed reference

The Senate *did not agree* to refer matters relating to the [proposed takeover of Qantas](#) to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee. [[First speaker](#)]

### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 8 February 2007 from 9.30am to 1.00pm for the committee's inquiry into financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation.

### 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 1 March 2007.

### Notices of motion given

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—8 February 2007 from 4.30pm—Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 and the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—8 February 2007 from 1.00pm

To refer matters to committees:

- [Additional water supplies](#) for South East Queensland—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- [Proposed Mary River Dam](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 27 March 2007
- [Role of the Exclusive Brethren](#)—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 12 June 2007

### Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Barresi would replace Mr ADH Smith on the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee.

## Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Convention](#) on the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Tasmanian Black Tuesday bushfires](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Wetlands](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Climate change](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Greenhouse gas emissions](#)—moved by Senator Milne[debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Rights of women and girls](#)—moved by Senators Allison and Stott Despoja
- [Wind energy](#)—moved by Senator Allison

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Stott Despoja requiring the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table any legal advice received by the Government regarding the legality of the United States *Military Commission Act 2006* was defeated.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 24 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

## 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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