



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 21 June 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 10.10pm

The Senate has now completed the Winter sittings. The Spring sittings are scheduled to commence on [7 August 2007](#).

Legislation

[Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 June 2007]
- ❑ Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007 [private senator's bill—introduced by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)]
- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 June 2007]
- ❑ Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007 [private senator's bill—introduced by Senator Nettle]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008
Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-2007
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2006-2007
- ❑ Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007

- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills
- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Bill 2007
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up for Australian Apprentices) Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007

[These bills will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Reported

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate
- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007—agreeing to the bill without amendment
- ❑ Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007—agreeing to the bill without amendment
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 [2007]—agreeing to the bill without amendment

[These bills will now be assented to]

Considered

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007—disagreeing to one amendment made by the Senate, but making an identical amendment in its place. The Senate agreed to the amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

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

The following additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled:

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—2006-07 budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–2006-07 supplementary budget and additional estimates
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Committee–2006-07 additional estimates, 2007-08 budget estimates
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–2006-07 additional estimates
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–2006-07 supplementary budget and additional estimates

Reports tabled

- ❑ Publications Committee–[22nd Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Consultation under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*–[Interim report](#)
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–[85th report](#)–Treaties tabled on 6, 7 and 27 February 2007

Documents tabled

- ❑ President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 21 June 2007
- ❑ Chairs’ Committee–Response to Finance and Public Administration Committee’s report on Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure

Government responses tabled

[Government responses](#) to the following reports were tabled

- ❑ Economics Committee–Petrol prices in Australia
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Perspectives on the future of the harvest labour force
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Review of the Defence annual report 2004-05
- ❑ [President’s report](#) of 7 December 2006 on outstanding government responses to parliamentary committee reports

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee reports

The Senate adopted reports [10](#) and [11](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2007–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–to report by 7 August 2007
- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–to report by 30 July 2007

- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Discretionary Mutual Funds and Direct Offshore Foreign Insurers) Bill 2007 and a related bill—Economics Committee—to report by 31 July 2007
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Regulation and Review) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 31 July 2007
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma and VET Advanced Diploma Courses) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ International Trade Integrity Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—1 August 2007
- ❑ Migration (Sponsorship Obligations) Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) Bill 2007—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007—Finance and Public Administration Committee—to report by 27 July 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 and two related bills—Economics Committee—to report by 31 July 2007
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 1 August 2007
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia Into The Future) Bill 2007—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—to report by 30 July 2007
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 1 August 2007
- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 1 August 2007

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer [matters](#) relating to renewable energy feed-in tariffs in Australia to the Economics Committee.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer matters relating to the risks associated with the [rise in sea level in Australia](#) to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for report by 3 December 2007.

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Sherry replace Senator Carol Brown on the Finance and Public Administration Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2007.

Documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 47 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006
- ❑ Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 July to 31 December 2006
- ❑ Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 July to 31 December 2006
- ❑ Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—1 July to 31 December 2006
- ❑ Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—1 July to 31 December 2006
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Responses to report](#) by Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—*Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages*—moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal for the construction of an extension to the National Gallery of Australia—moved by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz)

Motions negated

- ❑ [Afghanistan](#)—Ms Malalai Joya—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Millennium Development Goals](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Remuneration](#) and entitlements for senators and members—moved by Senator Murray
- ❑ [Official residences and a code of conduct](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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