



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 28 February 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.28pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 February 2007]
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2006-2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 February 2007]
- ❑ Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Murray
- ❑ Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Nettle
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Removal of Unjust Restrictions) Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Bartlett

To discharge a private senator's bill from the Notice Paper

- ❑ Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]—notice given by Senator Murray

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

## Delegated legislation

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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

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

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### Reports tabled

#### Reports on legislation

- ❑ [Airports Amendment Bill 2006](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- ❑ [Airspace Bill 2006](#) and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- ❑ [Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- ❑ [Private Health Insurance Bill 2006](#) and 6 related bills—Community Affairs Committee

#### Other reports

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—The manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic [drugs in Australia](#)
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 2](#) of 2006 and [2nd report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Document tabled

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006—Economics Committee—Hansard record of proceedings

### Proposed reference

The Senate debated a motion to refer matters relating to the impact of climate change on Australian agricultural industries to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee [[first speaker](#)]. Debate will continue on the next day of sitting.

### Membership

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

## Documents

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### Orders for the production of documents

#### Explanation

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) asked the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) to explain why [various orders](#) for the production of documents had not been complied with. The Minister indicated that an explanation would be provided.

### Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet*

Statements of compliance for [various 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*

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were 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 tabled

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the design and content of Women Artwork at Reconciliation Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- Response to a Senate resolution about child protection—from the New South Wales Minister for Community Services [resolution agreed to [18 October 2006](#)]

### Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motion agreed to

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

### Motions negated

- [Clean renewable energy](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [International Women's Day](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Japan and 'comfort women'](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Proposed Salween dams](#) in Burma and Thailand—moved by Senator Nettle

### Matter of public importance

The Senate discussed issues relating to [government financial discipline](#), raised by Senator Sherry as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

### Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to unparliamentary language and a [matter](#) raised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) on 27 February 2007.

### Notices of motion

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

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