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Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 1 March 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.44pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006
- Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2005
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—
1 Opposition/ Democrat [amendment to be determined](#)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005 and 5 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]
- Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 6) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Delegated legislation

[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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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 2](#) of 2006 and [1st report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 2](#) of 2006 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Documents tabled

- Government advertising and accountability–Additional information–Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula–Additional information–Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following appointment to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Senator Carol Brown appointed as a participating member

Messages from the House of Representatives reported

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising that Mr Cadman has replaced Mr Baldwin on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings Joint Committee, and that Mr Broadbent, Mr Georgiou, Mr Wakelin and Mr Anderson have been appointed to the Parliamentary Library Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

- Mental health–Mental Health Select Committee–to report by 28 April 2006

Notice of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- Sexual and reproductive health education in Australia [and related matters](#)– Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 7 November 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Aged care](#)–Abuse of the elderly–moved by Senator Allison
- [Australian Winter Olympic Team](#)–moved by Senators Kemp and Lundy

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Adolescents and tobacco](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [McArthur River mine](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Nuclear weapons](#)—Iran—moved by Senators Allison and Stott Despoja
- [Secular state in Australia](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator McLucas about residential aged care in Australia [debated as a matter of public importance—link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement

On behalf of the Minister for Environment and Heritage, a statement was made relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [21 June 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups—no later than 3.30pm on 22 June 2005. [The statement](#) indicated that the order would not be complied with. [Several senators](#) made statements relating to the order.

Orders with continuing effect

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 required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 31 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Roads to recovery: Department of Transport and Regional Services
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- [2 petitions](#) were received

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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