



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 2 March 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.59pm

The Senate will meet again on 27 March 2006 until 30 March 2006. That week will complete the autumn sittings.

Address by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

A message from the House of Representatives was reported inviting senators to attend a meeting of the House on 28 March 2006 for an address by the Right Honourable Tony Blair, MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2006

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Bill 2005 [2006] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Cooperative Fisheries Arrangements and Other Matters) Bill 2005 [2006]—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2005 [2006]—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [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)

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 3), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 243 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*
- Instrument No. CASA 383/05, made under regulation 179A of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

Reports tabled

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Publications Committee—[10th Report](#) [report adopted]

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—403rd report
- Australia's engagement with the World Trade Organisation—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Australia's human rights dialogue process—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Document tabled

- Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, May to December 2005—Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following appointments to committees:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Nettle appointed
- Parliamentary Library Joint Committee—Senators Brandis, Nash and Trood appointed

Reporting dates extended

- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 20 June 2006
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 31 May 2006

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to refer the following matters to committees:

- Performance of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and related matters—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—moved by Senator O'Brien
- Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement and related matters—Community Affairs References Committee—moved by Senator McLucas [and see [Journals](#)]
- Processes for assisting refugees and humanitarian entrants to Australia and related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—moved by Senator Hurley

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Boswell about Australian medical students [and see [Journals](#)]

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Cornelia Rau](#)—moved by Senator Nettle [and see [Journals](#)]
- [Invasion of Iraq](#)—anniversary—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- [Science meets Parliament](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator O'Brien about government accountability and integrity [link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

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

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Health and Ageing portfolio agencies was 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 reports](#) nos 32 and 33 of 2005-06
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [A petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports [were discussed](#) [link to [first speaker](#)]
- Senator Hill made his [valedictory statement](#)
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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