



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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