This week at a glance

4-7 December 2006

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Legislation

For full text of bills and other associated documents click here

Bills to be considered
The government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows

4 December 2006
- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006

5 December 2006
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and a related bill
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006

6 December 2006
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006
- Royal Commissions Amendment (Records) Bill 2006

7 December 2006
- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006
- Customs Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2006
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006

Delegated legislation
See Disallowance Alert for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Motion to be considered
A notice given by Senator Siewert to disallow an instrument that determines the Australian national catch allocation for southern bluefin tuna for the 2006/2007 season is due to be considered on 5 December 2006.

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here

Reports due this week
- Community Affairs Committee–Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement–due by the last sitting week of 2006
- Economics Committee–Petrol pricing in Australia–due on 7 December 2006
- Finance and Public Administration Committee–Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure–due on 7 December 2006
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Naval shipbuilding in Australia–due by the last sitting day in 2006 (7 December 2006)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government–due by the last sitting day in 2006 (7 December 2006)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Australia’s future oil supply–due on 7 December 2006
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Water policy initiatives–due on 5 December 2006

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