



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 5 December 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.10pm

Legislation

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Bills considered

The following private senators' bill was introduced

- Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006—introduced by Senators Allison, Bob Brown, Bishop and Bartlett

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Royal Commissions Amendment (Records) Bill 2006

The following bill was debated

- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006—consideration in committee of the whole continued—[2 Opposition amendments](#) to be determined

The following bills were passed

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—notice given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2006—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

Message from the House of Representatives

- Independent Contractors Bill 2006 and a related bill—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the bills [These bills will now be assented to]

Delegated legislation

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

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Report tabled

The report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into [water policy initiatives](#) was tabled and debated. [[first speaker](#)]

Government response tabled

A [government response](#) to the report of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee into regional partnerships and sustainable regions programs was tabled. This response was debated. [[first speaker](#)]

Proposed select committee

The Senate *did not agree* to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Allison to establish a Select Committee on Mental Health Services.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Finance and Public Administration Committee into transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure to 8 February 2007.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Community Affairs Committee for its inquiry into funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement to 8 February 2007.

Question on notice

[Senator Allison](#) asked the Minister representing the Attorney-General why an answer had not yet been provided to question on notice no. 2505 asked on 25 September 2006 relating to reduced-ignition propensity cigarettes. [The Minister](#) provided an answer.

Other debates and motions

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Petrol sniffing](#)—moved by Senators Siewert and Moore
- [Protection of old-growth forests in Tasmania](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [World Heritage Convention](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 13](#) of 2006-07
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- [Government documents](#)
- [2 petitions](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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