



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 6 September 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.19pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Archives Amendment Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 September 2006]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Immunisation) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 September 2006]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006—Second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notice of motion

To introduce a bill

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [private senator's bill]

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Motion to disallow

The Senate continued to debate a motion to disallow Schedules 1 and 3 to the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 211 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*. [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of intention to withdraw a notice

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of his intention to withdraw a [notice](#) to disallow migration regulations relating to visa applications.

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

[Six legislation committees](#) tabled reports on the examination of annual reports of government departments and agencies.

Other reports were tabled as follows

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—About time! Women in sport and recreation in Australia
- ❑ Public Works Committee—Report No. 13 of 2006—Australian Institute of Police Management Redevelopment, North Head, Manly, NSW
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2006 and [7th report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiry

The Senate referred the matter of [workforce challenges](#) in the Australian transport sector to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2007.

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee's examination of annual reports of government departments and agencies to 7 September 2006.

Notice of motion

A notice of motion was given to schedule supplementary Budget [estimates hearings](#) from 30 October to 2 November 2006

Question on notice—failure to provide an answer

[Senator Allison asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question on notice relating to a proposed access card for health and welfare services. [The Minister](#) provided the answer.

Other debates and motions

The Senate *agreed* to motions about:

- ❑ Death of children's writer [Colin Thiele](#)—moved by Senators Stott Despoja and Kemp
- ❑ [Tasmanian forestry industry](#)—moved by Senator O'Brien
- ❑ [Women and migration](#)—moved by Senators Allison, Moore and Nettle

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Climate change](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Conflict in Israel and Lebanon](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Journalism in China](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Papua New Guinea](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Professor Terence Tao](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Remuneration of members of Parliament](#)—moved by Senator Murray

The Senate debated a matter of public importance about Telstra shareholders proposed by Senator Conroy. [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Ray requiring the tabling of documents held by Telstra Corporation relating to shareholder attitude surveys.

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [several agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 2 of 2006-2007
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

