



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 7 September 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.14pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (End of Mandatory Detention) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Harmful Anti-fouling Systems) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 6 September 2006]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Financial Transaction Reports Amendment Bill 2006—second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day] [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006
- ❑ Privacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Repeal of Inoperative Provisions) Bill 2006 [These bills will now be assented to]

### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

## Delegated legislation

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

### Motion to disallow regulations defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to 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### Notice of motion withdrawn

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

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### New committee system

Changes to the committee system agreed to on [14 August 2006](#) will take effect from 11 September 2006. The Senate [appointed members](#) to the new committees.

### Estimates

The Senate agreed to hold supplementary hearings on the [Budget estimates](#) from 30 October to 2 November 2006.

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation were tabled as follows:

- [Export Finance](#) and Insurance Corporation Amendment Bill 2006–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Other reports were tabled as follows:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Annual reports referred to legislation committees–Report No. 2 of 2006
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Australia's future oil supply–[Interim report](#)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Water policy initiatives–[Interim report](#)

### Documents tabled

- Regulations and Ordinances Committee–Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, December 2005 to June 2006
- Response by the Presiding Officers to the report by the Publications Committee on the distribution of the parliamentary paper series

### Government response

A [government response](#) to the report of the ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee on private review of agency security arrangements was tabled.

### New inquiry

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended the following reference:

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006—referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 October 2006

### Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

[Senator Carr](#) asked the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs why answers had not been provided to questions placed on notice during Budget estimates in 2006. [The Minister](#) explained the delay and indicated that answers would be provided.

### Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Child Protection Week](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [The Geneva Conventions](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- [Importation of timber](#) and wood products—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Local government in Australia](#)—moved by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [International](#) Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day—moved by Senator Allison
- [National Threatened Species Day](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [A proposed code of conduct](#) for the grocery industry—moved by Senator Milne
- [The 'Slow Food' movement](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Woodstock-Abydos Reserves](#) in the Pilbara—moved by Senator Siewert

The Senate debated a motion about the sale of Medibank Private which was moved by Senator McLucas [[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

A statement of compliance for [various agencies](#) was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 3 of 2006-07
- ❑ Australian National Audit Office—Annual report for 2005-06
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [1 petition](#) was presented

## 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

## Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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