



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 8 February 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.00pm

Additional estimates 2005-06

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The Minister for Justice and Customs tabled [the particulars](#) of proposed additional expenditure for 2005-06 [the amounts contained in the appropriation bills] and statement of savings. The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by the Minister to refer the particulars, the final budget outcome 2004-05 and the Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister to legislation committees for examination and report. [This motion initiates the additional estimates hearings process.] Portfolio additional estimates statements for [portfolio and executive departments](#) were also tabled [*and see* Committees, Estimates]

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [[The Senate agreed](#) to allot times when stages for the consideration of the bill would be completed. The Senate will consider the bill again on Thursday 9 February 2006, with the final stage allotted by 4.45pm.]

The following bill was passed with amendments

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005 [2006]—10 Government and 1 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill [as amended](#)]

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

Delegated legislation

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](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06

Reports tabled

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 1](#) of 2006 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 1](#) of 2006 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising [various changes](#) in the membership of joint committees

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Economics Legislation Committee–9 February 2006 from 9.30am to 11am–Future Fund Bill 2005

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Conroy that the Senate direct Mr Sol Trujillo, Chief Executive Officer of Telstra to appear and give evidence at the estimates hearing of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Future Fund Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 28 February 2006

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–9 February 2006 from 10.30am to 12.30pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

To schedule estimates hearings

- ❑ [Schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and reporting date for 2005-06 additional estimates–to report on 28 March 2006

To vary the allocation of departments and agencies to committees

- ❑ [Variation to allocation of departments and agencies](#) to legislative and general purpose standing committees

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Government appointments](#)–moved by Senator Murray
- ❑ [West Papua](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled and statement by Minister

The Minister for Justice and Customs [tabled](#) data submitted to Food Standards Australia New Zealand for all applications for genetically-modified foods. [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [7 February 2006](#) on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja.] The Minister made [a statement](#) indicating that further documents would be tabled when they became available.

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) by Senator Stott Despoja for the tabling of data relating to the sheep study conducted by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation on the effect of transgenic peas on the immune response of sheep

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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