



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 11 May 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.30pm

The Senate will meet again on 13 June 2006. Senate legislation committees will meet from 22 May to 1 June 2006 to examine [Budget estimates](#).

Budget 2006-07

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The [Opposition](#), [Australian Democrats](#), [Australian Greens](#) and [Family First](#) parties made responses to the Budget statement and documents

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Defence Housing Authority Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed without amendments

- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 [2006] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Defence Housing Authority Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments to Increase Assistance for Older Australians and Carers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of [notices of motion to disallow](#) (and outcomes)

Notices of motion given

Notices were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 14), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 298, specifying the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as a terrorist organisation, and made under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 11 May 2006—ie by 4 September 2006]—notice given by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 73 and made under the *Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act 1980* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 11 May 2006—ie by 4 September 2006]—notice given by Senator Joyce

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

Budget estimates hearings 2006

The Senate agreed to a [schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees for the 2006-07 Budget estimates

Additional information tabled

- ❑ Numerous legislation committees—Budget estimates 2005-06 and additional estimates 2005-06 [see Journals entries [37](#) and [45](#)]

Reports tabled

- ❑ Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2006-07—Appropriations and Staffing Committee—43rd report
- ❑ Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006 and two related bills—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Petroleum Retail Legislation Repeal Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee—[12th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 4](#) of 2006 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Government response to report tabled

- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

New inquiries

- ❑ Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA)—Examination of the funding and operation [and related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the last sitting week of 2006
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills—alcohol taxation measure and its likely consumer, social and economic effects and its effect on industry—to be referred when the bills are introduced in either house—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 9 June 2006
- ❑ Do Not Call Register Bill 2006 [and a related bill](#)—to be referred when the bills are introduced in the House of Representatives—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 19 June 2006
- ❑ Gynaecological cancer in Australia [and related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 19 October 2006

See **Reports tabled** (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

Reporting date extended

- ❑ Australia's future oil supply—Rural and Regional affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 19 October 2006

Notice of motion given

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ [Social Security Act 1991](#)—extent and effectiveness of certain regulations made under the Act with reference to the committee's recommendations contained in its report on the Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 and the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 14 September 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Beaconsfield gold mine accident](#)—moved by Senators Barnett, Polley and Bob Brown
- ❑ [Grant McLennan](#)—moved by Senators Bartlett and Stott Despoja

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [West Papua](#)—Indonesian occupation—moved by Senator Nettle

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Lundy about child care [link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 39 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Artbank, Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Denmark and Sweden—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 16 to 27 October 2005

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- The Senate was informed of the death on 9 May 2006 of Adrian Frank Bennett, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Swan from 1969 to 1975
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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