



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 13 June 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 12.40am

Change in sitting hours and additional sitting days

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business on 14, 15, 20 and 22 June 2006, and to meet on 16 and 23 June 2006

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Age Discrimination Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ ASIO Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—Initial Measures) Bill 2006
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- ❑ Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006
- ❑ Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fishing Offences) Bill 2006
- ❑ Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) Bill 2006
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Tax Reduction and Improved Depreciation Arrangements) Bill 2006

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Tax Reduction and Improved Depreciation Arrangements) Bill 2006—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ ASIO Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—Initial Measures) Bill 2006
- ❑ Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2006

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) Bill 2006—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Access to Detention Centres) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill—to be introduced on 15 June 2006]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill—to be introduced on 15 June 2006]

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 by Senator Conroy to move to disallow the following delegated legislation on 17 August 2006 [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 13 June 2006—ie by 17 August 2006]:

- ❑ Telecommunications (Operational Separation – Designated Services) Determination (No. 1) 2005, made under subclause 50A(1) of Schedule 1 to the *Telecommunications Act 1997*
- ❑ Telecommunications (Requirements for Operational Separation Plan) Determination (No. 1) 2005, made under paragraph 51(1)(d) of Schedule 1 to the *Telecommunications Act 1997*

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—Additional estimates 2005-06
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2005-06

Documents tabled

- Portfolio budget statements 2006-07—Attorney-General's portfolio and Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio—Corrigenda

Reports tabled

- Australia's defence relations with the United States—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean territories—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills—Interim report—Economics Legislation Committee
- Distribution of the Parliamentary Paper Series—Publications Committee
- Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North Africa—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006—Interim report—Economics Legislation Committee
- Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for Centrelink at Greenway, ACT—8th report of 2006—Public Works Joint Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—74th report—Treaty tabled on 28 March 2006
- Visit to Australian Defence Forces deployed to support the rehabilitation of Iraq—Report of the delegation, 22 to 28 October 2005—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust—Community Affairs References Committee

New inquiry

- Government administration of Indigenous labour and finances under their control, [and related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by the last sitting day of 2006

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Dr Jensen would replace Mr Ticehurst on the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

Public meeting

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

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–14 June 2006 from 11.30am to 12.30pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

Reporting date extended

- Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and a related bill and the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 14 June 2006

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee–19 June 2006 from 5.45pm–Amphetamines and other synthetic drugs

To refer a matter to a committee

- Australia’s future sustainable and secure energy supply and [related matters](#) – Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 31 March 2007

Motion agreed to

[The Senate agreed](#) to a motion moved by Senator Humphries about the nuclear reactor accident at Chernobyl and its ongoing effects

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Stott Despoja gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services to table the government’s Privacy Impact Statement on its smartcard proposal and all privacy advice relating to the proposal obtained by the government from Mr Nigel Waters (Pacific Privacy Consulting)–no later than the end of question time on 19 June 2006 [to be moved on 15 June 2006]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Australian Agency for International Development was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 40 of 2005-06 [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report nos](#) 41 to 45 of 2005-06
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposals and documentation for the temporary installation of two sculptures at Questacon, Parkes Place, and improvements to the existing Lobby Cafe. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposals.
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about Cyclone Larry—from the Premier of Queensland [resolution agreed to [28 March 2006](#)]
- ❑ [6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ [The President informed](#) the Senate of the death, on 13 May 2006, of Mr Roy Edwards Bullock, OBE, former Clerk of the Senate
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 24 May 2006, of the Honourable John Murray Wheeldon, a senator for Western Australia from 1965 to 1981. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Senator [Cory Bernardi](#) (Lib., S.A.) made his [first speech](#)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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