



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 14 August 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.27pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control and Quarantine) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 August 2006]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 August 2006]

Bill withdrawn

The Minister for Justice and Customs advised the Senate that the Government would not be proceeding with the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006. No action was taken on the message from the House of Representatives sending the bill to the Senate.

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006
 - a motion to divide the bill into two separate bills was defeated
 - committee of the whole commenced—2 Government [requests for amendments](#) agreed to, [1 section and 1 item](#) negatived, 13 Government [amendments](#) to be determined

No bills were passed

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of his intention to withdraw notices to disallow [11 instruments](#)

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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Restructuring the committee system

The Senate considered the first report of 2006 of the Procedure Committee, [Restructuring the committee system](#) [tabled on 10 August 2006]. The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to change standing orders to restructure the committee system and adopted a temporary order relating to the membership of committees. Those changes take effect from 11 September 2006.

Reports tabled

- 75th report – Treaties tabled on 11 October 2005, 28 February and 28 March 2006–Treaties Joint Committee
- Review of administration and expenditure: Australian Intelligence Organisations, Number 4 – Recruitment and Training–Intelligence and Security Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to appoint Senator Kirk as a participating member of the Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Women in sport and recreation in Australia–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 6 September 2006

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–16 August 2006 from 4.30pm–Water policy initiatives

To refer a matter to a committee

- [Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–to report by the first sitting day in 2007

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Justice and Customs tabled a ministerial statement on energy initiatives. The Senate debated the statement. [\[first speaker\]](#)

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.

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Australian parliamentary observer delegation to Solomon Islands, 31 March to 8 April 2006–Report
- ❑ Inter-Parliamentary Working Group on Reform, Geneva on 17 and 18 July 2006–Report
- ❑ [6 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](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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