



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 15 June 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.40pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance) Bill 2006
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Zone Excision Repeal) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]
- New Business Tax System (Untainting Tax) Bill 2006
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006
- Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006
- Same-Sex Marriages Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed without amendments

- Age Discrimination Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Australian Trade Commission Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Foreign Fishing Offences) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance Power of Governor-General) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Senator Bob Brown [Private senator's bill]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to two laws was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

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

Motion to disallow regulations defeated

The Senate agreed *not to disallow* the following delegated legislation:

- [Instrument made](#) by the Governor-General on 13 June 2006 under subsection 35(2) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*, disallowing the *Civil Unions Act 2006* (ACT)—moved by Senator Nettle
- 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*—moved by Senator Joyce [see Journals entries nos [34](#) and [36](#)]
- [Workplace Relations Regulations](#) 2006, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 52 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*—moved by Senator Wong

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and 3 related bills—Economics Legislation Committee
- Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006—Economics Legislation Committee
- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Security Plans and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Government response to report tabled

- Australia's maritime strategy—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Public meetings

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–16 June 2006 from 9am–Australia’s national parks
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–19 June 2006 from 4.30pm–Implementation of recommendations on Australia’s military justice system
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Defence sub-committee–16 June 2006 from 9.30am to 11.15am–Defence annual report 2004-05
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Trade sub-committee–16 June 2006 from 11.45am to 4pm–Review of the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–16 June 2006 from 9.30am to 3.30pm–Certain taxation matters
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–22 June 2006 from 10am to noon–Financial reporting and equipment acquisition at the Department of Defence and Defence Materiel Organisation
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–23 June 2006 from 10am to 4pm–Auditor-General’s reports

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Parliamentary zone](#)–to approve proposals for the temporary installation of two sculptures at Questacon, Parkes Place, and improvements to the existing Lobby Café–moved by Senator Sandy Macdonald
- [World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Stott Despoja about Guantanamo Bay

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

[The Senate](#) *did not agree* 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)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Australian parliamentary delegation–Turkey and Ireland, 16 to 28 October 2005–
Report
- [3 petitions](#) were received

No government documents or Clerk’s 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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