This week at a glance
16-19 October 2006

On the first day of each sitting week the Senate Daily Summary provides an overview of the business scheduled for consideration in the Senate that week. On subsequent days, SDS provides a convenient summary of the previous day’s proceedings in the Senate, with links to official Senate records.

Another document which is useful in tracking the Business of the Senate is the Dynamic Red, which records proceedings in the Senate as they happen each day.

Legislation
For full text of bills and other associated documents click here

Bills to be considered
The government has scheduled bills for debate this week, as follows:

16 October 2006
- Aged Care Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2006
- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2006 and 2 related bills
- Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006

17 October 2006
- Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006

18 October 2006
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Border Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006

19 October 2006
- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006
- Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 and a related bill
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- Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006
- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006 and a related bill
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Antarctic Seals and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment Bill 2006
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) Bill 2006
- Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Pre-transfer Contracts) Bill 2006 and a related bill
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006
- Judiciary Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Migration Amendment (Visa Integrity) Bill 2006
- National Cattle Disease Eradication Account Amendment Bill 2006
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005
- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006


Delegated legislation

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

Motion to be considered

A motion proposed by Senator Murray to disapprove determinations that aggregate the charter and communications allowances of members of Parliament representing electorates covering 10,000km² or more is due to be considered on 16 October 2006.

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings click here

Reports due this week

Reports on legislation are due to be tabled this week as follows

16 October 2006
- Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Other reports are due to be tabled this week as follows

18 October 2006
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Pacific region seasonal contract labour
19 October 2006

- Community Affairs Committee–Gynaecological cancer in Australia
- Finance and Public Administration Committee–Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Australia’s future oil supply

Estimates

The supplementary round of budget estimates hearings will be held from 30 October to 2 November 2006. Information on the schedule of hearings will be made available on the estimates web page.

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Online

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Related resources

The Order of Business (or ‘Senate Red’) and the Dynamic Red (which updates the Order of Business throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at www.aph.gov.au/senate

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