



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 18 October 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.47pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Bill 2006—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)] [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2006  
Corporations Amendment (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations) Bill 2006  
Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Consequential, Transitional and Other Measures Bill 2006  
[These bills will now be assented to]

### Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Appropriate Review) Bill 2006—notice given by Senator Bartlett [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Embryo Research Amendment Bill 2006—notice given by Senator Patterson [private senator's bill]

## Message from the House of Representatives

Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—[Message](#) reporting that the House of Representatives agreed to 5 amendments made by the Senate, disagreed to 1 amendment, and had made further amendments.

The Senate is considering a motion moved by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation not to insist on the amendment disagreed to, and to agree to the further amendments.

## Delegated legislation

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

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

## Reports tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Review of the Defence annual report](#) 2004-05
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—
  - [Report no. 16 of 2006](#)—Proposed provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase One
  - [Report no. 17 of 2006](#)—Proposed development of canine kenneling and training facilities for the Australian Federal Police at Majura, ACT
  - [Report no. 18 of 2006](#)—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations at 29-31 Brindabella Business Park, ACT
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 12](#) of 2006 and [9th report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

## Meetings during Senate sittings

The Senate authorised various committees to meet while the Senate is sitting. [See Journal entries nos [12](#), [13](#) and [15](#)]

## Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
  - Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector—to report by 22 March 2007
  - Australia's national parks—to report by 28 February 2007
  - Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006—to report by 21 November 2006
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Australia's future oil supply—to report by 27 November 2006

### Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Finance and Public Administration Committee—Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure—to report by 7 December 2006

To refer matters to a committee

- [Impact of climate change](#) on Australian food production and rural communities—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 30 June 2007

### Membership

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

## Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [50th anniversary](#) of the Hungarian Revolution—moved by Senators Ian Macdonald and Ferguson
- [Child protection](#)—moved by Senators Murray and Heffernan
- [Global poverty](#) and the Millennium Development Goals—moved by Senator Siewert

The Senate discussed issues relating to training, raised by Senator Wong as a matter of public importance [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle requiring the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table lists providing details of passengers purported to have boarded the vessel known as SIEV X was defeated.

### Notice of motion given

Senator Ludwig gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table the OECD foreign bribery survey response by AWB Limited—no later than 4pm on 6 November 2006.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 8 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Commonwealth Ombudsman—Review of the use of compliance powers by the Building Industry Taskforce—13 January 2005 to 27 March 2006
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2005-06
- ❑ Parliamentary Zone—proposals and documentation to refurbish the podium that surrounds the National Library of Australia, and resurface the temporary car park on section 55, Parkes. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposals.

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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