



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 27 February 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.28pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2005-2006
- Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2005-2006
- Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
- Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

The following bills were considered

- Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005 and 5 related bills—committee of the whole commenced—3 Australian Green [amendments to be determined](#)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Census Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004

With amendments

- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005–32 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

The messages reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the following bills without amendment [The bills will now be assented to]:

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2006
- Defence (Road Transport Legislation Exemption) Bill 2005 [2006]
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 [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Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 222 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*
- Civil Aviation (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 224 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*

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–Budget estimates 2005-06
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

Reports tabled

- Australian Citizenship Bill 2005 and [a related bill](#)–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Future Fund Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee
- Person referred to in the Senate (Professor Barbara Pocock)–Committee of Privileges–126th report [Response as recommended by the committee was incorporated in [Hansard](#)]
- Proposed construction of Chancery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia–1st report of 2006–Public Works Joint Committee
- Proposed construction of Chancery, Rangoon, Burma–2nd report of 2006–Public Works Joint Committee
- Proposed 171st Aviation Squadron relocation, Holsworthy Barracks, NSW–3rd report of 2006–Public Works Joint Committee
- Senators' Interests Committee–Report 1 of 2006: Annual report 2005
- Treaties Joint Committee–71st report–Treaty tabled on 29 November 2005

Membership

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

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Dr Southcott would replace Mr Turnbull on the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

- Administration of the Migration Act—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 2 March 2006

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Water policy initiatives—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in 2006

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—2 March 2006 from 3.30pm to 7.30pm—Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005 and related bills
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—1 March 2006 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm—administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak

To refer a matter to a committee

- Processes for assisting refugees and humanitarian entrants to Australia [and related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Parliament Drive bollards](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- [Telstra](#)—removal of payphones—moved by Senator Conroy [debated as a matter of urgency—link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The Acting Deputy President tabled a copy of an application to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority from Monsanto Australia Limited for the inclusion of corn containing the Cry3Bb1 gene by Monsanto in Standard 1.5.2 – Food derived from gene technology [The application was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [7 February 2006](#) on the motion of Senator Stott Despoja. The application was presented to the President on 13 February 2006]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

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

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statement of compliance for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into 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. 29 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Integrity of electronic customer records: Centrelink [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#) [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- Commonwealth Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers, Kenya, 3 to 8 January 2006, and a visit to the United Kingdom, 8 to 12 January 2006—Report by the President of the Senate
- Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 16 to 24 November 2005
- [Illegal foreign fishing](#)—Letter from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory transmitting a resolution of the Assembly about illegal foreign fishing
- [2 petitions](#) were received

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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2005-06 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

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Related links

Portfolio additional estimates statements and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#).

[General information](#) about the consideration of the 2005-06 additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

[An agenda](#) for each of the legislation committees listed below is available on the Senate webpage and will be updated as necessary.

The Senate Daily Summary will be published each day after the legislation committees meet. The Summary will give a brief overview on the progress made by each committee and the business each committee expects to consider the next day.

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 8.38pm until 9.33pm.

The committee **completed**:

- the Attorney-General's portfolio
- additional estimates consideration.

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