



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 27 November 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.32pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order, allowing them to be considered in this period of sittings

- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Bill 2006 and a related bill
- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Collection of Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees) Bill 2006
- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Copyright Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2006
- ❑ Datacasting Transmitter Licence Fees Bill 2006
- ❑ Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006
- ❑ Inspector of Transport Security Bill 2006 and a related bill
- ❑ Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006
- ❑ Telecommunications Amendment (Integrated Public Number Database) Bill 2006

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2006—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—[1 Australian Democrat amendment](#) to be determined

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion

To introduce a bill

- Wheat Marketing Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—notice given by Senators Johnston and Adams [private senators' bill]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention to withdraw a notice

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice to disallow the following instruments: Inclusion of species in the list of threatened species ([Nos 42 to 45](#))

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
 - [Interim report](#)
 - [Final report](#)
- [Environment and Heritage](#) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
- [Families, Community Services](#) and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006](#)—Finance and Public Administration Committee

Documents tabled

- Community Affairs Committee—Legislative responses to the Lockhart review—Additional information

Proposed reference

The Senate *did not agree* to refer the [new security treaty with Indonesia](#) to the Joint Treaties Committee.

Public meetings

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–27 November 2006 from 4.00pm–Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–28 November 2006 from 3.30pm–Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by the Government

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into Australia's future oil supply to 5 December 2006.

Notices of motion

To establish a select committee

- ❑ Improving [mental health services](#) in Australia–to report by 30 June 2008

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–[notice](#) given to vary the order of the Senate agreed to on 9 October 2006

Other debates and motions

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Death of two protesters](#) and a journalist in Oaxaca, Mexico–moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Newcastle City Council](#)–moved by Senator Bob Brown

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Ageing tabled a ministerial statement and the Report of the Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme (the “Cole Commission”). The Senate debated a motion (moved by [Senator Evans](#)) to take note of the statement.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator O'Brien requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to table documents from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority relating to Lessbrook Pty Ltd was defeated.

Notice of motion

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table his report on the review of matters of national environment significance—no later than 3.30pm on 29 November 2006.

Order with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Health and Ageing portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 36](#) of 2005-06
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—26th AIPO general assembly in Laos and a bilateral visit to Pakistan, 17 to 30 September 2005—Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [1 petition](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death on 21 November 2006 of the Honourable Sir Harold William Young, KCMG, President of the Senate from 1981 to 1983 and senator for the state of South Australia from 1968 to 1983. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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