



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 28 February 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.49pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 6) Bill 2005
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2006

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005 and 5 related bills—committee of the whole continued—7 Australian Green [amendments to be determined](#)

The following bill was passed without amendments

- ❑ Future Fund Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given

To introduce a bill

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given by Senator Wong to disallow the Declaration of percentage of Commonwealth supported places to be provided by

Table A providers for a course of study in medicine, made under paragraph 36-35(1)(b) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* [The declaration will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 28 February 2006—ie by 21 June 2006]

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

No reports were tabled

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Stott Despoja for the committee’s inquiry into naval shipbuilding in Australia

Public meetings

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

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Mental health–Mental Health Select Committee–to report by 28 April 2006
- Petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 22 June 2006
- Workplace exposure to toxic dust–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 22 June 2006

To refer a matter to a committee

- Funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement [and related matters](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 17 August 2006

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bob Brown about Japanese whaling in Australian waters

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Australian citizenship](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Iran's nuclear program](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the National Water Commission were 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

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) 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. 30 of 2005-06—Performance audit—The ATO's strategies to address the cash economy: Australian Taxation Office
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- ❑ [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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