



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 28 March 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 12.03am

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006

The following bill was considered

- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—1 Government amendment agreed to, 1 Australian Greens [amendment to be determined](#)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005
- Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005
- Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005
- Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) Bill 2006

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Ageing
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Finance and Administration

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to two laws was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

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](#)

Estimates

Reports tabled

- Additional estimates 2005-06–[Five legislation committees](#)

Additional information tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2003-04 (Supplementary) and Budget estimates 2004-05

Reports tabled

- Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Living with salinity–A report on progress: The extent and economic impact of salinity in Australia–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee–72nd report–Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005

Documents tabled

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005 [2006]–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Additional information

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–Senator McGauran discharged
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–Senator Carr to replace Senator Crossin

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Adams, Mr Hatton and Mr BP O'Connor have been appointed to the Parliamentary Library Joint Committee

Public meetings

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–29 March 2006 from 5pm to 7.45pm–Corporate responsibility
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–29 March 2006 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm–Administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Additional estimates 2005-06–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Additional estimates 2005-06–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Additional estimates 2005-06–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 10 May 2006
- ❑ Water policy initiatives–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in June 2006

Notices of motion given

To hold private meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–to hold private meetings other than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during sittings of the Senate

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ [Divestment of the Commonwealth's](#) shareholding in Snowy Hydro Ltd–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 June 2006 [and *see* Journals entry [11](#)]
- ❑ Impact of proposed changes to cross media laws [and related matters](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 8 August 2006
- ❑ Women in sport and recreation in Australia [and related matters](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in March 2007

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by Senators Ludwig, Boswell, Santoro, Bartlett, Brandis, Hogg, Ian Macdonald, McLucas, Mason, Moore and Trood about Cyclone Larry

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ Aboriginal rock art–Tasmania–moved by Senator Bob Brown [*see Journals* entries [26](#) and [29](#)]
- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation–Moved by Senator Conroy [debated as a matter of public importance–link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [Convention on the Elimination](#) of All Forms of Discrimination against Women Committee–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Mr David Hicks](#)–Guantanamo Bay–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Tasmanian wedge tailed eagle](#)–moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Uranium exports to India](#)–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

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Attorney-General's portfolio agencies was 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. 35 of 2005-06–Performance audit–The Australian Taxation Office's administration of activity statement high risk refunds
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation relating to the construction of the National Portrait Gallery. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the construction.
- ❑ [3 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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