



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 30 March 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 12.51am

The Senate has now completed the Autumn sittings and will commence the Winter sittings on [9 May 2006](#)

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Cancer Australia Bill 2006
- ❑ Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2005-2006
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2005-2006
- ❑ Cancer Australia Bill 2006
- ❑ Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006

With amendments

- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2006–5 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made](#) by the Senate]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006–12 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

- ❑ Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Bill 2005 [2006]–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Same-Sex Unions Bill 2006–Notice of motion given by Senators Stott Despoja and Bartlett [Private senators' bill]

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–[Three legislation committees](#)

Additional information tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2005-06
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary) and additional estimates 2005-06
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2005-06

Reports tabled

- A national approach to mental health: From crisis to community–First report–Mental Health Select Committee
- Annual reports referred to legislation committees–Report no. 1 of 2006–Economics Legislation Committee
- China's emergence: Implications for Australia–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- [Publications Committee](#)–11th Report [report adopted]
- Response to the petition on gynaecological health issues–Community Affairs References Committee
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 3](#) of 2006 [report adopted as amended] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Government responses to reports tabled

- ASIO's questioning and detention powers: Review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of Division 3 of Part III of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Unfair dismissal and small business employment–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Documents tabled

- Delegated legislation monitor–Disallowable legislative instruments tabled in the Senate in 2005–Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee–72nd report–Treaties tabled on 29 November 2005–Erratum

Membership

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve the construction of the National Portrait Gallery—moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- ❑ [Sexual assault on children](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Climate change](#)—emission abatement—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Genetic use restriction technologies](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- ❑ [Great Barrier Reef](#)—World Heritage in Danger list—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

A statement of compliance for the Department of Veterans' Affairs was tabled

[Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [5 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ [Advance to the Finance Minister](#) 2004-05 was approved
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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