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
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