



# Senate Daily Summary

## Monday, 26 February 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.25pm

### Legislation

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

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ ACIS Administration Amendment (Unearned Credit Liability) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 February 2007]
- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 15 February 2007]
- ❑ AusCheck Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 February 2007]
- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 February 2007]
- ❑ Family Law (Divorce Fees Validation) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 February 2007]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 February 2007]
- ❑ Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 February 2007]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 and 6 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 February 2007]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Simplification) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 February 2007]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 and 5 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 February 2007]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)] [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view on the policy of the bill]

The following bills were passed

- Australian Citizenship Bill 2006–[9 government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]  
Australian Citizenship (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

**Notices of motion**

To introduce a bill

- Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) [private senator's bill]

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

The Minister for Justice and Customs gave a notice of motion to exempt the following bills:

- ACIS Administration Amendment (Unearned Credit Liability) Bill 2007
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
- Family Law (Divorce Fees Validation) Bill 2007
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Simplification) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills

To consider bills together

The Minister for Justice and Customs gave a notice of motion to allow the following bills to be considered together:

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Simplification) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills **and**
- Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006 and 5 related bills

**Message from the House of Representatives**

- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment Bill 2006 [2007]—agreeing to the bill without amendment [This bill has been assented to]

**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 notices

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of his intention to withdraw [notices](#) to disallow 8 instruments.

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

#### Reports on legislation

- [Australian Technical Colleges](#) (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee
- [Corporations Amendment](#) (Takeovers) Bill 2006 [Exposure Draft]–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- [Electoral and Referendum](#) Legislation Amendment Bill 2006–Finance and Public Administration Committee
- [Employment and Workplace Relations](#) Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee
- [Migration Amendment](#) (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 [2007]–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Native Title](#) Amendment Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation](#) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee

#### Other reports

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–[Review](#) of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), Jamiat ul-Ansar (JuA), Armed Islamic Group (GIA) and the Salafist Group for Call and Combat (GSPC)

### Additional information tabled

- Gynaecological cancer in Australia–Community Affairs Committee
- Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) Bill 2006–Economics Committee

### New inquiry

The Senate referred [options for additional water supplies](#) for South East Queensland to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.

### **Public meeting**

The Senate authorised the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate was sitting on 26 February 2007 from 5.00pm for the committee's inquiry into the implementation of reforms to Australia's military justice system.

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2006–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 28 February 2007
- ❑ Airspace Bill 2006 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 28 February 2007
- ❑ Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2006–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 2 March 2007
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 and 6 related bills–Community Affairs Committee—to report by 28 February 2007

### **Notices of motion given**

To extend reporting deadlines:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector—to report by 12 June 2007
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–Australia's national parks—to report by 29 March 2007
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Australia's public diplomacy—to report by 12 June 2007

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Several [notices](#) were given to authorise various committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate.

To refer matters to committees:

- ❑ [Matters](#) relating to the decision to phase out Non-Forestry Managed Investment schemes–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by the first sitting day in June 2007
- ❑ [National Plan for Water Security](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 9 May 2007
- ❑ [Statutory exemptions](#) provided to religious or other organisations–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 14 August 2007

### **Membership**

The Senate discharged Senators Brandis and Mason from and appointed Senators Adams and Fierravanti-Wells to the Electoral Matters Joint Committee.

A message from the House of Representatives was reported notifying [changes](#) in the membership of various joint committees.

## Documents

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### Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [2 agencies](#) were 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 tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 26 to 28 of 2006-07
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- Government documents [See Journal entries nos [24](#), [25](#) and [28](#)]
- Response to a Senate resolution about Foster Care Week—from the Western Australian Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Seniors and Volunteering; Peel
- [2 petitions](#)

## Other business

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[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)  
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motions negatived

- [Asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- [Coal](#) and greenhouse gas emissions—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- Proposed [access card](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

### Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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