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PUBLIC SEMINAR

# REFORMING THE SENATE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2006, 9.30am-12 noon

Studio Theatre, National Museum of Australia

What are the implications of the Senate Procedure Committee amendments to the Senate Committee System?

Passed by the Senate on the 15th August 2006 and to operate from 11th September 2006, Senator Nick Minchin, Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister for Finance and Administration, said it was long overdue and will lead to a more efficient system. This seminar will consider the range of views from Senators from both sides of the House and the "users" of the Committee System.

This seminar is free and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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9.30am - 10.30am Chair: Professor John Uhr, Parliamentary Studies Centre  
Views from the Senate, including Senators and the Clerk of the Senate, Harry Evans

11.00am-12.00 noon Chair: Professor Kim Rubenstein, Director of the Centre for International and Public Law  
Views from the "Users" of the Committee System

Confirmed speakers:

Senator Marise Payne, NSW Senator and Chair of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
Senator Joe Ludwig, Queensland Senator and Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate  
Senator Andrew Bartlett, Deputy Leader of the Australian Democrats, Australian Democrats Whip  
Professor Jon Altman, Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research  
Professor John Warhurst, Professor of Political Science, Australian National University