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Senator Patterson today welcomed the passing of her Private Member's Bill *Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction and the Regulation of Human Research Amendment Bill 2006* which gives affect to the recommendations of the Lockhart Review.

"I would like to pay tribute to the Chairman of the Review Committee, the late Justice John Lockhart and thank the members of the Lockhart Review Committee for their diligence in undertaking the review and their support of Member and Senators, both for and against the bill, in providing technical, legal and scientific advice," Senator Patterson said.

"I acknowledged that this was a challenging debate for both the community and my colleagues" Senator Patterson said. "I value the contributions from both sides of the debate and I would like to thank those who supported the bill".

The bill clarifies requirements of some aspects of assisted reproductive technology, extends embryonic research to permit Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer, increases penalties for people found in breach of licensing requirements and now enables the monitoring and prosecution of people undertaking embryonic research without a licence.

"Today's vote displays trust in the robust nature of this nation's regulatory systems to allow cautious scientific advancement to help us better understand the nature and treatment of disease," Senator Patterson said.



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