



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 15 June 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.01pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Anti-terrorism Bill 2004
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Access to Electoral Roll and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals) Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Run-off Cover Indemnity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 3) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tourism Australia Bill 2004
- ❑ Tourism Australia (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004

With amendments

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004—5 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 considered

- ❑ Age Discrimination Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill with [an amendment](#). The Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—[The message reported](#) that the House of Representatives agreed to amendment nos 1 to 5 and 10 to 12, disagreed to amendment nos 6 to 8, and made an amendment in place of amendment no. 9. The Senate did not insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House and agreed to the substitute amendment made by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]

Assent to laws

[Assent](#) to several laws was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular parts of Acts would commence

See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

[For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow \(and outcomes\) click here](#)

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- ❑ Excise Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 27 and made under the *Excise Act 1901*
- ❑ Temporary Order No. 4 of 2003, made under subsection 43(8) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*

Notice of motion to refer regulations to a committee

Senator Sherry gave [notice](#) of a motion to refer the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 August 2004

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

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

For committee reports [click here](#)

Estimates

Additional information

- Additional estimates 2003-04—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Document tabled

- Portfolio budget statements 2004-05—Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio—Correction

Reports tabled

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—40th Report—Senate Department budget 2004-05
- CLERP (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Corporations Amendment Regulations 7.1.29A, 7.1.35A and 7.1.40(h)—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Legal aid and access to justice—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Interim report
- Legal aid and access to justice—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report
- Near neighbours-Good neighbours: An inquiry into Australia's relationship with Indonesia—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004 and Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee—
 - 1st report of 2004—Proposed site remediation and construction of infrastructure for the defence site at Randwick Barracks, Sydney, NSW
 - 2nd report of 2004—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at Scarborough House, Woden Town Centre, ACT
- Surveillance Devices Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- Materiel acquisition and management in defence—Adoption of recommendations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Letter from the Auditor-General
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—Additional information

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003, exposure draft and a related bill—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 21 June 2004
- ❑ Children in institutional care—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 July 2004
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 17 June 2004

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Senator Stephens appointed as a participating member

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—17 June 2004 from 4.30pm to 10.30pm—2004-05 Budget estimates for the Department of Defence
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—21 June 2004 from 4pm to 9pm—effectiveness of the Australian military justice system
- ❑ Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America Select Committee—16 June 2004 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and on 17, 21, 22, 23 and 24 June 2004 from 3.30pm
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—16 June 2004 from 4.30pm—Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-discrimination Legislation) Bill 2004
- ❑ Public Works Standing Committee—24 June 2004 from 9.30am to 11am—Wellington Chancery works
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—16 June 2004 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm—administration of Biosecurity Australia concerning the revised draft import risk analysis for bananas

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ 2004-05 Budget estimates—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 24 June 2004
- ❑ Australian telecommunication network—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 5 August 2004
- ❑ Competition in broadband services—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 5 August 2004
- ❑ Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004
- ❑ Office of the Chief Scientist—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 30 July 2004

To refer regulations to a committee

- ❑ Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) and related matters—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 3 August 2004

To appoint a select committee

- Select Committee on the Administration of Indigenous Affairs [to be appointed](#) to inquire into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004, the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies, and related matters—to report by 31 October 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Chronic Fatigue Syndrome](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [Nicholas Berg](#)—Death—moved by Senator Evans

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Defence tabled a [ministerial statement](#) by the Prime Minister and the report of the Consultative Group on Constitutional Change. The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate [moved a motion](#) to take note of the statement. [The motion was debated](#) and will continue on a future sitting day.

Notices of motion

[For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Science to table certain documents relating to the Government's Cooperative Research Centre Program (by 4pm on 17 June 2004)—moved by Senator Brown

Notice of motion given

Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the tabling of all documentation relating to the sale of Comland Limited to Lend Lease Corporation Limited that relates to the former Australian Defence Industries site at St Marys, New South Wales (no later than 3pm on 30 June 2004)

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer made [a statement](#) relating to the resolution of the Senate (agreed to [1 April 2004](#)) requiring the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table certain documents relating to the Government's response to the United Nations Human Rights Committee finding on 6 August 2003 in the case of *Young v. Australia*

Document tabled

[A letter](#) from the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs was tabled responding to the resolution of the Senate (agreed to [13 October 2003](#)) requiring the Minister to table certain documents relating to the management of detention centres

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Reports Nos 46, 50 and 51](#) of 2003-04—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Reports Nos 47 to 49, and 52](#) of 2003-04
- ❑ Australian parliamentary observer delegation—Parliamentary elections in Indonesia 5 April 2004—Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government document](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Petitioning document—Public education: It is our future—Resource demands
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [2UE and 2GB](#) proposed merger—from the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (resolution agreed to [4 December 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Redfern Community Centre](#)—from the Governor of New South Wales (resolution agreed to [23 March 2004](#))
- ❑ [12 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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