



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 17 November 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.52pm

Government party arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate advised the Senate of the appointment of Senator Ellison as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, and the re-appointment of Senator Ferris as Government Whip in the Senate and Senator Eggleston as Government Deputy Whip

Days of meeting for 2004 and 2005

The Senate agreed to a motion to establish the [days of meeting](#) of the Senate for the remainder of 2004 and 2005

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004
- Aviation Security Amendment Bill 2004
- Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004
- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004
- Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
- Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004
- National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004
- National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004
- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2004
- Surveillance Devices Bill 2004
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004

The following bills were restored to the Notice Paper

A motion moved by Senator Allison to restore the following bills to the Notice Paper was agreed to [These bills had been introduced in earlier sessions and lapsed at the end of the last Parliament]:

- ❑ Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2004]
- ❑ Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004]
- ❑ Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2004]
- ❑ Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2004]
- ❑ Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 [2004]
- ❑ Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004
- ❑ Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2004]
- ❑ Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002 [2004]
- ❑ National Animal Welfare Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2004]
- ❑ Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2004]
- ❑ Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]
- ❑ Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2004]
- ❑ Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2004]
- ❑ Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2004]
- ❑ Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003 [2004]
- ❑ Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2004]
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [2004]

No bills were passed

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Aviation Security Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (100% Medicare Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004
- ❑ National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together–Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004
- ❑ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Surveillance Devices Bill 2004
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004
- ❑ Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004

Notices of motion given

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

- ❑ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Election Commitments) Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
- ❑ Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004
- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Retirement Villages) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004

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](#)

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](#)

No reports were tabled

Allocation of departments and agencies to legislative and general purpose standing committees

The Senate agreed to allocate [departments and agencies](#) to the legislative and general purpose standing committees

Select committee re-appointed

- ❑ Administration of Indigenous Affairs Select Committee [appointed by resolution of the Senate on [16 June 2004](#)]-to report by 8 March 2005

Notices of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ The level of expenditure on, and the nature and extent of, Commonwealth government advertising since 1996 and [related matters](#)-Finance and Public Administration References Committee-to report by 22 June 2005 [The committee to have the power to consider and use the records of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee appointed in the previous Parliament]

To answer estimates questions

- ❑ [Answers to estimates](#) questions on notice-to be answered by 31 January 2005

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about incorporating Indigenous protocols into the ceremony for the opening of Parliament-moved by Senator Ridgeway

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were 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](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [22 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Address-in-reply debate began (with [an amendment](#) moved by the Australian Democrats)
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Government documents](#) were discussed

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