



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 18 November 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.59pm

## Legislation

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

**No bills were introduced in the Senate**

### The following bill were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) 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](#)

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### Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- Budget estimates 2004-05–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

*Answers to estimates questions*

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

**No reports were tabled**

### Document tabled

- Consolidated register of Senate committee reports 1970 to 2004

## Membership

### *Appointment of members to Senate committees*

The Senate agreed that senators be appointed members to [various committees](#)

### *Appointment of members to joint standing committees*

The Senate agreed to House of Representatives resolutions concerning the appointment of [certain joint committees](#) [The Senate will consider the resolution relating to the proposed Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee on a future sitting day]

### *Changes in membership*

The Senate agreed to changes to the membership of [various committees](#)

## New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- 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]
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—to report by 29 November 2004

## Select committee re-appointed

- Scafton Evidence Select Committee [appointed by resolution of the Senate on [30 August 2004](#)]-to report by 2 December 2004

## Statement

Senator Harris made [a statement](#) informing the Senate of his inadvertent disclosure of unpublished evidence received by the Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance, and unreservedly apologised to the Senate

## Notice of motion given to refer a matter to a committee

- The overall effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means of protecting the privacy of Australians and [related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 30 June 2005

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [ANZAC](#)—Use of word by Australian Rugby League—moved by Senator Harris
- [Darfur militia attacks](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Rights of the Child](#) United Nations Convention—15<sup>th</sup> anniversary—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Yasser Arafat](#)—Death—moved by Senator Nettle

## Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) about telecommunications services standards in rural and regional Australia—moved by [Senator Conroy](#) [The debate may continue on a future sitting day]

## Ministerial statement

The Minister for Defence [tabled](#) a ministerial statement and report relating to allegations of drug use in cycling. The Senate debated a motion (moved by [Senator Lundy](#)) to take note of the statement and report. The motion was agreed to.

## Notices of motion

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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Petitioning document](#)—tabled by Senator Nettle

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Address-in-reply [debate continued](#) (with [an amendment](#) moved by the Australian Democrats)
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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