



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 21 June 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.30pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2004
- Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003

### The following bill was passed

*Without amendments*

- Aged Care Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

### The following bills were considered

- Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—committee of the whole continued—11 Democrat, and 2 Government [amendments agreed to](#), and 5 Opposition amendments to be determined
- Veterans' Entitlements (Clarke Review) Bill 2004—3 Government amendments and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [requests](#) made by the Senate]

### The following bill was recommitted

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003 [The committee of the whole will consider the bill again as reported on [3 March 2004](#)]

### The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed with the [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The Senate is considering a motion moved by the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer not to insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House]

## Proclamations

A [proclamation](#) by the Governor-General was tabled announcing that some provisions of the *Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Act 1998* would come into operation on 11 June 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](#)

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## Committees

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

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## Estimates

*Additional information*

- Additional estimates 2003-04–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## Reports tabled

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Australia's maritime strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004, Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004 and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004–Economics Legislation Committee
- The future of the [construction industry](#): Confrontation or co-operation?–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

## Membership

The Senate agreed to appoint Senator Barnett to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee and the Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees as a participating member

## Reporting dates

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

- Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America Select Committee–Interim report–to report by 24 June 2004
- Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 5 August 2004

### Notices of motion given

*To hold public meetings to receive evidence*

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—entry, search and seizure provisions of Commonwealth legislation

*To reconvene estimates hearings*

- ❑ 2004-05 Budget estimates—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Government’s Energy White Paper—to meet during the first week of August 2004 and report by 12 August 2004

### Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Health inequalities](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Minister for Defence](#)—censure—moved by Senators Bartlett, Brown and Faulkner
- ❑ [Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energies](#)—moved by Senator Brown

### 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 for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table certain documents relating to the Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 82 and made under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* (no later than 3pm on 23 June 2004)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

*Notice of motion given*

Senator Brown gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Defence to table the 61-page report and nine additional annexures, prepared by the Department of Defence’s Iraq Detainees Fact-Finding Team, which formed the basis for the statement by the Minister for Defence to the Senate on the abuse of detainees held in Iraq (no later than 4pm on 23 June 2004)

### Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2003-04—Performance audit—Management of the detention centre contracts-Part A: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Indigenous Affairs
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [A petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Minister for the Arts and Sport [made a statement](#) relating to drug use in cycling at the Australian Institute of Sport
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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