



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 13 October 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.38pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Commonwealth Games) Bill 2005
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2005

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

- ❑ Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Commonwealth Games) Bill 2005 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- ❑ Privacy (Equality of Application) Amendment Bill 2005—Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja [Private senator's bill]

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

Delegated legislation

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

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Budget estimates 2005-06—Four legislation committees [*see* Journals entries nos [19](#) and [39](#)]

Reports tabled

- Consenting adults deficits and household debt: Links between Australia's current account deficit, the demand for imported goods and household debt—Economics References Committee
- Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Operation of the wine-making industry—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Publications Committee—[7th report](#) [report adopted]
- Student Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Government response to report tabled

- Corporate insolvency laws: A stocktake—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

Reporting dates extended

- Report on annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 9 November 2005
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005, Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 and National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 November 2005

Motion to refer a bill to be determined

The Senate agreed to defer to vote until after prayers on the next sitting day [7 November 2005] on a motion to refer the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee [for inquiry and report by 8 November 2005]

Motions defeated

To extend a reporting deadline

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Marshall to extend the reporting deadline of the inquiry into industrial agreements by the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee [to report by 31 October 2005]

To refer a matter to a committee

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Marshall to refer the industrial agreement-making system, and related matters, to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Notice of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- Australia's response to the earthquake catastrophe in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 10 December 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi](#)–moved by Senators Stott Despoja, Nettle and Humphries
- [Earthquakes](#)–Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan–moved by Senator Bob Brown

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [United Nations](#)–moved by Senator Milne
- [Visual impairment](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- [Weedbuster Week](#)–moved by Senator Milne
- [Xue-Jun Wang](#)–moved by Senator Brown

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert about poverty in Australia [debated as a matter of public importance–link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Audit report no. 12 of 2005-06–Performance audit–Review of the evaluation methods and continuous improvement processes for Australia's national counter-terrorism coordination arrangements
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- A [petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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