



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 17 August 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 5.00pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005

The following bill was considered

- Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

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

- Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion given

Notices were given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the following delegated legislation [The delegated legislation will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 17 August 2005—ie. by 12 October 2005]:

- Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Amendment Orders 2005 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1982

- ❑ Income Tax Assessment Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 75 and made under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- ❑ Modification Declaration No. 1, made under section 177 of the *Retirement Savings Account Act 1997*
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements (Veterans' Children Education Scheme – Scholarships, Statistics, MRCA) Instrument 2004 – Instrument No. R11/2004, made under subsection 117(1) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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Report tabled

- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 8](#) of 2005 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Carr to be discharged as a substitute member for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program

Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–18 August 2005 from 3.30pm–Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–18 August 2005 from 10.45am to 11.45am–Aviation security in Australia

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases and any related matters–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 15 September 2005
- ❑ Gallipoli Peninsula–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 15 September 2005

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Mental Health Select Committee–to report by the Thursday of the second sitting week in March 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Aceh](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Indigenous communities](#)–petrol sniffing–Opal fuel–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Multiculturalism](#) in Australia–moved by Senator Bartlett [debated as a matter of urgency–link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [National Science Week](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Milne about Australian Heritage sites

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions to require the tabling of the following documents:

- ❑ a copy of the report from the review of the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Initiative—no later than 4.30pm on 5 September 2005—moved by [Senator Allison](#)
- ❑ a copy of the report provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as part of their consultancy to assist in the development of a strategy to implement the recommendations made by the Australian National Audit Office in Audit Report no. 18 of 2004-05—no later than 4.30pm on 5 September 2005—moved by [Senator Allison](#)
- ❑ a copy of the Australian Defence Force report of the presence of depleted uranium in the Australian area of operations in Al Muthanna province in southern Iraq—no later than 4.30pm on 18 August 2005—moved by [Senator Allison](#)
- ❑ any legal advice which the Government has received from the Australian Government Solicitor or other source on the Commonwealth Government's authority to unilaterally approve uranium mines in the Northern Territory—no later than 3.30pm on 18 August 2005—moved by [Senator Siewert](#)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [A petition](#) was received

No Clerk's documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate [link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to [first question](#)]

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