



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 22 June 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.53pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

With amendments

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—[The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as [amended](#)]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

The Minister for Justice and Customs gave notices of motion to introduce the following bills:

- ❑ Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005
- ❑ Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005

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

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) 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) [click here](#)

Motion to disallow regulations defeated

The Senate agreed *not to disallow* the Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Indigenous education funding—Final report—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- ❑ Inspections of Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and Port Augusta Residential Housing Project—Migration Joint Committee
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—403rd report—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[Several reports](#)
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2005 and [6th report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 6](#) of 2005 [report amended and adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee

Document tabled

- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee—Register of senators' interests, lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005

New inquiry

- ❑ Health impacts of workplace exposure to toxic dust, and [related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the first sitting day of December 2005

See **Reports tabled** (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries [4](#), [35](#) and [41](#)]

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Regional Partnerships program—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 6 October 2005
- ❑ Student income support—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 23 June 2005

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bartlett to refer the Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005 to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Industrial agreement-making systems, and [related matters](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 31 October 2005
- ❑ [Proposed agreement](#) between Australia and the United States of America concerning the surrender of US nationals—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 30 October 2005
- ❑ Proposed amendments to [standing orders](#)—Procedure Committee

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [ACTU](#)—industrial relations changes—moved by Senators Nettle and Sherry
- ❑ [ATSIC regional councils](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Indigenous Wayuu people](#)—massacre—moved by Senator Brown [Two motions agreed to]
- ❑ [Proposed pulp mill](#)—Tasmania—moved by Senator Brown

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions moved by Senator Brown about:

- ❑ [Asylum seekers](#) on Christmas Island
- ❑ [Indigenous West Papuans](#)

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Allison asked the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) for an explanation of an answer not being provided to questions on notice no. 29. [Senator Hill](#) did not provide an explanation. [The Senate agreed](#) to take note of the minister's failure to provide either an answer or an explanation.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table a copy of the final report, including findings and recommendations, by Mr Mick Palmer into the Ms Cornelia Rau matter—no later than 3 calendar days after the Minister receives the report and if the Senate is not sitting at that time, the report to be presented to the President in accordance with standing order 166

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 54 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Administration of health care cards: Health Insurance Commission, Department of Health and Ageing, Centrelink, Department of Family and Community Services
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests, lodged between 7 December 2004 and 20 June 2005
- ❑ A [petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice
- ❑ Valedictory statements were made relating to the retirement of certain senators [link [to first speaker](#)]
- ❑ The Special Minister of State made a personal [explanation](#) concerning the Tasmanian State Equalisation Scheme and tabled a document
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link [to first speaker](#)]

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