



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 7 February 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.31pm

Ministry and ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate advised the Senate of changes to the [Howard Ministry](#)

Other party arrangements

The Leader of The Nationals in the Senate advised the Senate of the appointment of [Senator Scullion](#) as The Nationals Whip

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—4 Australian Greens [amendments to be determined](#)

The following bill was passed without amendments

- Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

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

Motions to disallow regulations defeated

The Senate agreed *not to disallow* the following delegated legislation:

- Item 2 [Division 1.4E–Sponsorship: trade skills training (incorporating Subdivisions 1.4E.1 to 1.4E.4)] of Schedule 7 of the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 9), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 240 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*–moved by Senator Ludwig
- Schedule 7 of the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 8), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 221 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*–moved by Senator Bartlett

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 3), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 243 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 7 February 2006–ie by 14 June 2006]

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 and Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06

Reports tabled

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958*–Interim report–Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Bill 2005 and [a related bill](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2005–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate–Committee of Privileges–125th report
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Beyond Cole: the future of the construction industry: Confrontation or co-operation?–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

- Legal aid and access to justice—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Documents tabled

- Community Affairs References Committee—Children in institutional care—Responses to a Senate resolution from the Premier of Queensland, Premier of Victoria, and the Northern Territory Minister for Family and Community Services [resolution agreed to [29 November 2005](#)]
- Register of Senate committee reports—41st Parliament: November 2004 to December 2005
- Work of Committees—Year statistics: 1 January to 31 December 2005; and half-year statistics: 1 July to 31 December 2005

Membership

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

Reporting date determined

- Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958*—Final report—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 27 February 2006

Reporting date extended

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 14 September 2006

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Marshall to refer the matter of the role and performance of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 16 February 2006

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—8 February 2006 from 4.30pm to be briefed by a panel of experts in relation to the committee's inquiry into water policy initiatives

To direct a witness to appear at an estimates hearing

- [Mr Sol Trujillo, Chief Executive Officer of Telstra](#)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

[The Senate ordered](#) the tabling of all of the raw data submitted to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) for all applications for certain genetically-modified foods or foods derived from genetically-modified organisms—no later than the conclusion of question time on 8 February 2006—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 21 to 28 of 2005-06 presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Business of the Senate—1 January to 31 December 2005 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the calendar year 2005]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate [and considered]
- ❑ Odgers' Australian Senate Practice 11th edition (Supplement)—Updates to 31 December 2005
- ❑ Questions on notice summary—16 November 2004 to 31 December 2005
- ❑ [8 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Senate was informed of the death of the Honourable Sir Reginald William Colin Swartz, KBE, MBE, ED, former federal minister, Leader of the House of Representatives and member for the division of Darling Downs from 1949 to 1972
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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