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## **Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004 [November 2004]**

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## **Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004**

**Date Introduced:** 17 November 2004

**House:** Senate

**Portfolio:** Attorney-General

**Commencement:** The day after Royal Assent

### **Purpose**

To exclude ‘stored communications’ (including electronic messages located on a computer, internet server or other equipment, and whether read or unread) from the controls on interception of communications in the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979* for a period of 12 months while a review of the regime for accessing such communications is conducted.

### **Background**

The Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004 was originally introduced on 27 May 2004. This Bill lapsed when the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament was prorogued for the October 2004 general election. The Bill has now been re-introduced in identical form.

For discussion of the issues raised by this Bill, see the digest for the [May 2004 Bill](#).<sup>1</sup> See also the [report](#)<sup>2</sup> on the May 2004 Bill by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee.

### **Endnotes**

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1 <http://www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/bd/2003-04/04bd153.pdf>.

2 [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon\\_ctte/completed\\_inquiries/2002-04/ti\\_stored\\_data/report/report.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/legcon_ctte/completed_inquiries/2002-04/ti_stored_data/report/report.pdf).

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