



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 3 August 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.14pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Anti-terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004
- Surveillance Devices Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 scheme) Bill 2004
- US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004
- US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) Bill 2004
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004

Bills considered

Second reading debate on the following bills commenced

- US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004
- US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) Bill 2004

No bills were passed

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising that the House had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills [These bills will now be assented to]

- Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2004

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004—Notice of motion given by Senator Nettle [Private senator's bill]

Assent to laws

[Assent](#) to several laws was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular parts of Acts would commence

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

Delegated legislation

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

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Estimates

Additional information

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2003-04 and budget estimates 2004-05
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2003-04

Reports tabled

- Parliamentary delegation to the Gulf States, 10 to 23 April 2004: A visit as part of the committee's inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Possible false or misleading evidence before the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—[119th Report](#)—Privileges Committee [A motion to endorse the finding at paragraph 1.23 and to adopt the recommendation at paragraph 1.30 was debated. The debate will continue on a future sitting day.]

Reports presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- Australia's engagement with the World Trade Organisation—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Civil Aviation Amendment (Relationship with Anti-discrimination Legislation) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Corporations insolvency laws: A stocktake—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Norfolk Island: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- Office of the Chief Scientist—Interim report—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

- Watching brief on the war on terrorism—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Document tabled

- Work of Committees—Financial year statistics: 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004; and half-year statistics: 1 January to 30 June 2004

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Libraries in the online environment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—The (not quite) White Paper: Australia's foreign affairs and trade policy, *Advancing the national interest*
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—395th report—Draft Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Kirk replace Senator Cook on the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America for the period 3 August to 9 August 2004.

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84]—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 12 August 2004

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics Legislation Committee—9 August 2004 from 3.30pm—Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules No. 84]
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—5 August 2004 from 4.30pm—Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—5 August 2004 from 9.30am to 11.30am—Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—5 August 2004 from 4pm—Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system

To extend reporting deadlines

- Competition in broadband services—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004
- Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Brown gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Defence to table the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Australia and the United States of America, signed in Washington in July 2004, concerning the program of cooperation on missile defence (no later than 4pm on 5 August 2004)

Documents tabled

The Deputy President [tabled documents](#) relating to the sale of ComLand Limited to Lend Lease Corporation Limited that relates to the former Australian Defence Industries site at St Marys, New South Wales [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [16 June 2004](#) on the motion of Senator Nettle]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Reports Nos](#) 56, 58 and 59 of 2003-04 and Nos 1 to 4 of 2004-05—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Australian and Pacific Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference—Melbourne, Victoria, 3 to 10 July 2004—Report
- ❑ Business of the Senate—1 January to 30 June 2004 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the calendar year 2003]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Odgers' Australian Senate Practice 10th edition—Supplement—Updates to 30 June 2004
- ❑ Questions on notice—Summary for the period 12 February 2002 to 30 June 2004
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [World Refugee Day](#)—from the Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [resolution agreed to [17 June 2004](#)]
 - ❑ [Midwife services](#)—from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory [resolution agreed to [3 March 2004](#)]
- ❑ [10 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ [Questions without notice](#) and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 27 July 2004, of the Honourable Dr Henry Alfred Jenkins AM, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives and member for Scullin. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 7 July 2004, of Barry Douglas Simon, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of McMillan from 1975 to 1980
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ The Leader of the Government in the Senate informed the Senate of changes to the [third Howard Ministry](#)
- ❑ The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate made [a statement](#) relating to the Opposition shadow ministry
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about unparliamentary language
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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