



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 6 December 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.02pm

## Change in sitting hours

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business for 6 and 7 December 2004

## Legislation

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

### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004—second reading debate began

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004

#### *With amendments*

- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004—9 Opposition and 4 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ James Hardie (Investigations and Proceedings) Bill 2004
- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004

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](#)

### Report tabled

- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 13](#) of 2004 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

### Documents tabled

- Hepatitis C and blood supply in Australia—Community Affairs References Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see *Journals* entries [24](#) and [32](#)]

### Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising the Senate of the [appointment of members](#) of the House of Representatives to joint committees

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- The implications for the Government's proposed changes to the funding arrangements for targeted assistance in Indigenous education—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 12 May 2005

### Inquiries re-adopted

[The Senate agreed](#) to adopt reports of two committees concerning matters referred in the previous parliament:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
  - Effectiveness of Australia's military justice system [inquiry re-adopted, together with the power to use records of the committee of the previous parliament]
  - Report by the Director of Trials of the Review of Test and Evaluation in Defence [inquiry not re-adopted]
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Inquiry into Australian expatriates [inquiry re-adopted, together with the power to use records of the committee of the previous parliament]

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

## Meetings

The Senate agreed that private meetings of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee may be held while the Senate is sitting

## Notices of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—9 December 2004 from 10.30am—to take evidence on a matter relating to the Department of Health and Ageing

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 8 December 2004

*To refer matters to committees*

- Australia's economic and political relationship with China [and related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 15 September 2005
- Proposed agreement between Australia and the US concerning the surrender of US nationals to the International Criminal Court and related matters—Treaties Joint Committee—to report by 30 June 2005
- The overall effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means by which to protect the privacy of Australians and [related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 30 June 2005
- Unfair dismissal and related matters—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 14 June 2005

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Murray River](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve the replacement and extension of cooling towers at the rear of Old Parliament House

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

*Documents tabled*

The Minister for Justice and Customs [tabled determinations](#) made under subsections 22(1) and (2) of the *Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001* [in response to a motion moved by Senator Allison on [2 December 2004](#)]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

- European Institutions and France—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 19 April to 7 May 2004
- [2 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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