



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 12 August and Friday
13 August 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am on 12 August until 6.09pm on 13 August

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Oil, Gas and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ New International Tax Arrangements (Managed Funds and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 4) Bill 2004
- ❑ Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Bill 2004

The following bills were passed

With amendments [Messages from the House of Representatives received later in the day reported that the House had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to these bills. The bills will now be assented to.]

- ❑ Anti-terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2004–4 Government [amendments](#) agreed to
- ❑ Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002–6 Government [amendments agreed to](#), 1 schedule, 2 divisions and 47 items omitted
- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004–4 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to

Without amendments [These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Anti-terrorism Bill (No. 3) 2004
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Prisoner Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Marriage Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) Bill 2004

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Prisoner Voting and Other Measures) 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](#)

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Schedule 1 to the Migration Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 5), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 223 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*—4 sitting days after 12 August 2004—by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett)
- ❑ Items [7], [8], [18] to [26], [35] to [40], [48] to [89], [93] to [127], [129] and [130] of Schedule 1, and item [1] of Schedule 2 and items [3] and [4] of Schedule 3 to the Migration Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 192 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997*—3 sitting days after 12 August 2004—by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett)
- ❑ Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice (No. 1) 2004, made under subsection 115(1) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*—15 sitting days after 12 August 2004—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
- ❑ Military Superannuation and Benefits Amendment Trust Deed 2004 (No. 1), made under subsection 5(1) of the *Military Superannuation and Benefits Act 1991*—15 sitting days after 12 August 2004—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Report for 2003-04
- ❑ Bali 2002: Security threats to Australians in South East Asia—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee—[19th report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Rural water resource usage—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- Taking stock: Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Document tabled

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

Government responses to reports tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Aspects of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and the Military Compensation Scheme
- Treaties Joint Committee—56th report—Treaties tabled on 8 October 2003

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 2 September 2004
- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84]—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 30 August 2004
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 scheme) Bill 2004 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 30 August 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Domestic violence](#) and pregnancy—moved by Senator Allison
- [Elgin marbles](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Higher education](#) contribution scheme—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
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- [James Hardie Industries](#)—Compensation for asbestos victims—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve the construction of permanent access ramps at the rear of Old Parliament House
- [Sudan](#)—Darfur war crimes—moved by Senator Stephens

Motions defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Bartlett about stateless people in immigration detention was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to [11 August 2004](#)] requiring the tabling of the document containing the Commonwealth sites, including offshore islands and territories, listed as potential sites for the storage of nuclear waste and referred to by the Minister on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *AM Program* on 14 July 2004 (no later than 1pm on 12 August 2004). The Minister indicated the document would not be tabled.

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statements of compliance for the National Capital Authority was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance—Payments to senators and members, 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004
- Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure, 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004
- [7 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time

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