



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 13 May 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.20pm

Budget 2004-05

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[The Opposition](#), [Australian Democrats](#) and [Australian Greens](#) made responses to the Budget statement and documents

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Name Change) Bill 2004
- Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2004
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—Increased Payments) Bill 2004
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—One-off Payments) Bill 2004
- Health Legislation Amendment (Podiatric Surgery and Other Matters) Bill 2004
- Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004
- Veterans' Entitlements (Clarke Review) Bill 2004

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill 2004
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—Increased Payments) Bill 2004
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—One-off Payments) Bill 2004
- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2004

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

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—Increased Payments) Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—One-off Payments) 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](#)

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

[A notice of intention](#) was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Excise Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 27 and made under the *Excise Act 1901*
- ❑ Temporary Order No. 4 of 2003, made under subsection 43(8) of the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*

Disallowance resolution rescinded

The Senate agreed to rescind, for the purposes of section 49 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, the [resolution](#) of the Senate of 24 March 2004 disallowing certain items of the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 8) as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 282 and made under the *Corporations Act 2001*

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Biosecurity Australia's import risk analysis for pig meat—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) Bill 2004—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee—[17th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Tourism Australia Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Expanding Australia's trade and investment relationship with the countries of Central Europe
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—2003 Review of Migration Regulation 4.31B
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—396th report—Government response to recommendation 6
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—40th report—Extradition: A review of Australia's law and policy

Membership

The Senate agreed to changes to membership of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (see *Journal* item [39](#)) and [various](#) other committees for inquiries and budget estimates hearings

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Preventing Smoking Related Deaths) Bill 2004; Tobacco Advertising Prohibition (Film, Internet and misleading Promotion) Amendment Bill 2004 exposure draft; and the response of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to reporting requirements on tobacco issues to the Senate–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 4 August 2004
- ❑ The effect of the principles of the Government’s funding package on government and non-government schools and [related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 11 August 2004

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed that the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America Select Committee table an interim report on 21 June 2004, and a final report by 12 August 2004

Motion to refer matter to committee debated

- ❑ [Mistreatment of prisoners](#) detained under the control of the United States of America or its coalition partners in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay and [related matters](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 23 June 2004

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Children in institutional care–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 July 2004

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about Landmine Action Week–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator Carr concerning [Cooperative Research Centres](#)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- Senator Brown gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission report on children in immigration detention centres and certain responses (no later than 5pm on 15 June 2004)
- Senator Brown gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Science to table a list of the proposals submitted for funding under the Government's Cooperative Research Centre Program and related documents (no later than 4pm on 17 June 2004)

Documents tabled

- The Minister for Defence tabled a number of [documents](#) concerning an ethanol excise and production subsidy [in response to a [motion](#) moved by Senator O'Brien on 16 October 2002]. Senator O'Brien made a [statement](#) in response to the documents.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—A last resort?—Report of the national inquiry into children in immigration detention
- [2 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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