



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 16 June 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.43pm

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004
- ❑ Extension of Charitable Purpose Bill 2004

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered in committee of the whole on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered in committee of the whole on a future sitting day]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ New International Tax Arrangements Bill 2003
- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004

With amendments

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—2 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- ❑ Renewable Energy Amendment (Increased MRET) Bill 2004—Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator's bill]

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](#)

Regulations referred to a committee

The Senate agreed to refer the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), and related matters, to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 August 2004

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Document tabled

- Portfolio budget statements 2004-05–Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio–Corrigendum

Reports tabled

- Annual report of committee activities 2002-03–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Review of the listing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2004 and [7th report](#) of 2004 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 8](#) of 2004 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Treaties Joint Committee–60th Report–Treaties tabled on 2 March 2004

Documents tabled

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Executive minutes–Responses to committee recommendations on reports 390, 393, 394 and 396: June 2003 to May 2004
- Tourism Australia Bill 2004–Economics Legislation Committee–Additional information

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and Reference Committees–Senator Webber appointed as a participating member

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), and [related matters](#)–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 3 August 2004

Establishment of select committee

The Senate agreed to establish a [Select Committee](#) on the Administration of Indigenous Affairs to inquire into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004, the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies, and related matters—to report by 31 October 2004

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

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—17 June 2004 from 4pm to 10.30pm—2004-05 Budget estimates for the Department of Defence
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—21 June 2004 from 4pm to 9pm—effectiveness of the Australian military justice system
- Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America Select Committee—17, 21, 22, 23 and 24 June 2004 from 3.30pm
- Public Works Committee—24 June 2004 from 9.30am to 11am—Wellington Chancery works

Reporting dates

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

- 2004-05 Budget estimates—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—to report by 24 June 2004
- Australian telecommunications network—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 5 August 2004
- Competition in broadband services—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 5 August 2004
- Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004
- Office of the Chief Scientist—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 30 July 2004

Procedural change

The Senate [agreed](#) to adopt the [40th Report](#) of the Appropriations and Staffing Standing Committee, endorsing the resolution at pages 3 and 4 to amend [standing order 19](#)

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—18 June 2004 from 9.30am—Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004
- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—25 June 2004 from 9.30am—Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Preventing Smoking Related Deaths) Bill 2004 and related bills

- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–23 June 2004 from 5pm to 8pm–adequacy of funding for Australia’s Antarctic Program
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–17 June 2004 from 4.30pm to 8.30pm–Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 5 August 2004

To reconvene estimates hearings

- ❑ 2004-05 Budget estimates–Senate legislation committees–Economics; Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Finance and Public Administration; Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport–Government’s Energy White Paper

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Brain tumours](#)–moved by Senators Allison and McLucas
- ❑ [Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Defence made [a statement](#) relating to the abuses of the human rights of Iraqi prisoners and [tabled various documents](#)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the tabling of all documentation 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 (no later than 3pm on 24 June 2004)–moved by Senator Nettle

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [5 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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