



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 17 June 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 10.29pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Renewable Energy Amendment (Increased MRET) Bill 2004 [Private senator's bill]

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Anti-terrorism Bill 2004—committee of the whole commenced—2 Government [amendments](#) agreed to, 1 item negated, and 3 Government amendments to be determined
- ❑ Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—committee of the whole commenced—95 Government, 35 Opposition (1 amended by 2 Democrat and 1 Opposition) and 2 Democrat amendments agreed to, 1 item negated, and 1 Opposition amendment to be determined [see *Journals* entries [24](#) and [44](#)]
- ❑ Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—committee of the whole completed

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Name Change) Bill 2004
- ❑ Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Access to Electoral Roll and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Run-off Cover Indemnity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2004

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 82 and made under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989*—on the next day of sitting—by Senator Ridgeway

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

#### *Reports tabled*

- 2004-05 Budget estimates—7 Senate legislation committees tabled 2004-05  
Budget estimates reports [see *Journals* entries [19](#), [40](#) and [45](#)]

#### Reports tabled

- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand and Other Matters) Bill 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Hepatitis C and the blood supply in Australia—Community Affairs References Committee
- Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Workplace Relations [Amendment Bills](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

#### Government responses to reports tabled

- Application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation—Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Disclosure of commissions on risk products—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—52nd report

#### Membership

- The Senate agreed to changes in the membership of [various](#) committees

### Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while 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
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–18 June 2004 from 9am to 2pm–Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004 and two related bills
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–18 June 2004 from 9am to 2pm–Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 3) Bill 2004
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–18 June 2004 from 9am–Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–23 June 2004 from 5pm to 8pm–adequacy of funding for Australia’s Antarctic Program

### Reporting date

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

- ❑ 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

### Notices of motion given

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America Select Committee–Interim report–to report by 24 June 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 5 August 2004

### Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Burma–Aung San Suu Kyi](#)–moved by Senators Ridgeway, Faulkner and Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Women–domestic violence](#)–moved by Senators Allison and Stott Despoja
- ❑ [World Refugee Day](#)–moved by Senator Kirk

### Motions defeated

The Senate defeated motions about:

- ❑ [Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [World Refugee Day](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Ridgeway gave a [notice](#) of motion to require the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table certain documents relating to the Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 82 and made under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* (no later than 3pm on 23 June 2004)

### *Statement by Minister and documents tabled*

The Minister for Defence made [a statement](#) and [tabled documents](#) relating to the Government's Cooperative Research Centres Programme [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [15 June 2004](#) on the motion of Senator Brown]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 53 of 2003-04–Performance audit–The implementation of CrimTrac
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [6 petitions](#) were received
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation relating to projects to enhance the security around Parliament House. [A notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about the Parliament House art collection
- ❑ [The Senate agreed](#) to extended hours of sitting on 17 June 2004 and to meet on Friday 18 June 2004
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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## 2004-05 BUDGET ESTIMATES

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### Related links

*Portfolio budget statements* and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#).

[General information](#) about the consideration of the 2004-05 Budget Estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

[An agenda](#) for each of the legislation committees listed below is available on the Senate webpage and will be updated as necessary.

*The Senate Daily Summary* will be published each day after the legislation committees meet. The Summary will give a brief overview on the progress made by each committee and the business each committee expects to consider the next day.

### Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

**Portfolios allocated:** Defence (including Veterans' Affairs); Foreign Affairs and Trade  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 4.00pm until 10.30pm.

The committee **completed:**

- the Defence portfolio
- budget estimates consideration

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