



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 22 June 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.50pm

Change in sitting hours

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business for 23 and 24 June 2004

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2004-2005
- Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2004-2005
- Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2003-2004
- Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2003-2004
- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2004-2005
- Excise and Other Legislation Amendment (Compliance Measures) Bill 2004
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004
- Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Direct Deductions and Other Measures) Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- Extension of Charitable Purpose Bill 2004—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

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

- Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003—26 Opposition and 53 Government [amendments](#) agreed to [and see amendments agreed to on [17](#) and [21](#) June 2004]

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2003–5 Government [amendments](#) agreed to

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- ❑ Tourism Australia Bill 2004–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill (No. 2) 2004–The message reported that the House of Representatives did not agree to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives did not agree to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate. The Senate resolved to insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House and agreed to a further [amendment](#). [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate and consider the further amendment]

Notice of motion given

To restore a bill to the Notice Paper

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits–Budget Measures) Bill 2002–on a future sitting day

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](#)

Estimates

Additional information

- ❑ Additional estimates 2003-04–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Report tabled

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 3) Bill 2004–Economics Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- ❑ Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 28 November 2003 and 18 June 2004–Senators' Interests Committee
- ❑ Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004 and Superannuation Laws Amendment [Bills](#)–Economics Legislation Committee–Additional information

Meetings

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–23 June 2004 from 9.30am to 12.30pm–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

The Senate also agreed that the Scrutiny of Bills Committee may hold public hearings in relation to its inquiry into the entry, search and seizure provisions of Commonwealth legislation

Notices of motion given

To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–23 June 2004 from 5.30pm

To determine a reporting deadline

- Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system–Interim report–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report on 9 September 2004

To extend reporting deadlines

- Electoral funding and disclosure and any amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act necessary in relation to political donations–Electoral Matters Joint Committee–to report by 12 August 2004
- Needs of expatriate Australians–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by 5 October 2004

To refer a matter to a committee

- Government advertising and [related matters](#)–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 27 October 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Anangu Tours](#)–2004 National Geographic world legacy heritage tourism award–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Mr Djerrkura](#)–death–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Senate resolutions](#) calling for inquiries–moved by Senator Bartlett

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 Minister for Defence to table the 61-page report and nine additional annexures, prepared by the Department of Defence's Iraq Detainees Fact-Finding Team, which formed the basis for the statement by the Minister for Defence to the Senate on the abuse of detainees held in Iraq (no later than 4pm on 23 June 2004)—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Cherry gave notice of a motion requiring the tabling of certain documents responding to applications 020/2002 (Monsanto) and 021/2002 (Bayer) to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator for the commercial release of GE canola
- ❑ Senator Cherry gave notice of a motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to table any assessment or analysis of the synthetic aperture radar work commissioned or acquired by Geoscience Australia, or related documents (no later than 6.30pm on 24 June 2004)
- ❑ Senator Faulkner gave notice of a motion requiring the tabling of a copy of that part of the Office of National Assessments' (ONA) classified document log which relates to requests for, and movements of, the December 2002 ONA report on the humanitarian impact of the war in Iraq, during the period 16 June to 23 June 2003 (no later than 4pm on 24 June 2004)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum 12th annual meeting, Beijing, People's Republic of China, 12 to 14 January 2004—Australian parliamentary delegation report
- ❑ Inter-Parliamentary Union 110th Assembly, Mexico City, Mexico, 15 to 25 April 2004 and the ANZAC Day ceremony, Mexico City—Australian parliamentary delegation report. [Further documents](#) from the Assembly were also tabled
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 28 November 2003 and 18 June 2004
- ❑ [6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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