



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 30 August 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 9.30pm. The Senate will meet again when summoned by the President. [For further details relating to the reconvening of the Senate following the election [click here](#)]

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2004

The following bills were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Budget Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Wine Producer Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004

Assent to laws

[Assent](#) to several laws was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular provisions of Acts would commence

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 motion given

Senators Marshall and Nettle gave a notice of motion to disallow the Guidelines in relation to the exercise of the Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* as amended by the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Act 2004*—15 sitting days after 30 August 2004

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice (No. 1) 2004, made under subsection 115(1) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*

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

Additional information

- ❑ Additional estimates 2003-04, Budget estimates 2003-04 and Budget estimates 2003-04 (Supplementary)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- ❑ Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children—First report—Community Affairs References Committee
- ❑ National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004 and National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—402nd report—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2003-04: First and second quarters
- ❑ Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84]—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 scheme) Bill 2004 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee

Membership

- ❑ The Senate agreed that Senators Bartlett, Brandis, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ray be [appointed](#) members of the Select Committee on the Scafton Evidence

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Wakelin would replace Mr Lloyd on the Public Works Joint Committee

New inquiry

The Senate agreed that the Treaties Joint Committee will [commence its inquiry](#) into the proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America (US) pursuant to which Australia would agree not to surrender US nationals to the International Criminal Court without the consent of the US—to report to the Senate by 30 April 2005

Reporting dates

Determination of reporting date

- Children in institutional care—Second report—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in December 2004

Extension of time to report

- Lindeberg Grievance Select Committee—to report the day before the Senate next meets

Appointment of a new select committee

The Senate agreed to establish a [Select Committee on the Scrafton Evidence](#) to inquire into matters arising from the public statements made by former ministerial staffer, Mr Mike Scrafton, about the conversations he had with the Prime Minister about the ‘children overboard’ affair on 7 November 2001 and the implications of these statements for the findings of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident—to report by 24 November 2004 [*and see Membership above*]

Notices of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- The extent to which the Australian small business community is unduly burdened by local, state and Federal Government red tape and [related matters](#)—Economics References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2005

To convene supplementary estimates hearings

- All legislation committees—to meet in November 2004 for supplementary estimates hearings

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Acting Deputy President [tabled documents](#) relating to: the First Home Owner Grant scheme; the impact of ‘bracket creep’; and the preparation of the Intergenerational Report 2002-03 [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [1 December 2003](#) on the motion of Senator Conroy]

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled (*see Journals* entries nos [20](#) and [31](#)) [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled (*see Journals* entries nos [19](#) and [32](#)) [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Unproclaimed legislation

Details of unproclaimed Acts, together with statements of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation, as at 31 July 2004 [Standing order 139(2) requires tabling annually after 31 August each year; Senate sessional order adopted as a [standing order](#), and [amended](#)]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Reports Nos](#) 8 and 9 of 2004-05—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—15th Australian and Pacific Regional Seminar, Apia, Samoa, 3 to 7 September 2003 and Alice Springs, Northern Territory, 8 to 12 September 2003—Report
- ❑ [Government document](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Human rights abuses—Copy of letter to Legal Advisor, Multi-National Corps—Iraq, from Major G.X. O'Kane, Directorate of Military Justice
- ❑ Prorogation of Parliament—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Prime Minister and proclamation
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about the National water initiative—from the Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister [resolution agreed to [24 June 2004](#)]
- ❑ Supervising Scientist—[Reports Nos](#) 184 and 185
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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