



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 6 September 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.32pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005—committee of the whole continued—4 Democrat amendments to be determined

The following bill was passed without amendment

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

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

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005
- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005

To divide a bill

- ❑ Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—Senator Fielding gave [notice](#) that, contingent on the second reading debate of this bill recommencing, he would move to divide the bill into two bills

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion given

Senator Evans gave notice that he will move to disallow the following delegated legislation on 12 October 2005 [The declarations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 6 September 2005—ie. by 1 November 2005]:

- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEST], dated 17 May 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEWR], dated 29 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [FACS], dated 26 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Document tabled

- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional information

New inquiry

- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and [related bills](#)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—to be referred at whatever stage the bills have reached at the end of the time available for the consideration of government business on 8 September 2005—to report by 12 September 2005

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [*see* Journals entries [23](#) and [25](#)]

Reporting date extended

- ❑ Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 13 October 2005

Notice of motion given

To hold a private meeting while the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–14 September 2005 from 4pm to 6pm–administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Genetic testing](#) and privacy–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Panchen Lama](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senators Allison and McLucas about suicide in Australia

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [three agencies](#) were tabled [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

A statement of compliance for the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio agencies was tabled [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]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 9 of 2005-06–Performance audit–Provision of export assistance to rural and regional Australia through the TradeStart Program: Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)
- ❑ Australian and Pacific Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference–Apia, Samoa, 11 to 15 July 2005–Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to [first question](#)]
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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