



## 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legislation on 12 October 2005 [The declarations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 6 September 2005—ie.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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