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## Senate Daily Summary

**Wednesday 7 September 2005**

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.59pm

### **Budget 2005-06**

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The Minister for Family and Community Services [tabled particulars](#) of proposed expenditure relating to regional telecommunications services and the portfolio supplementary estimates statements 2005-06 for the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio

### **Legislation**

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

#### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005

#### **The following bills were passed**

##### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005
- Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005

#### **The following bills were exempted 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

#### **Motion agreed to**

The Senate agreed that the following bills will be introduced [on 8 September 2005]:

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

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

## Delegated legislation

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

Senator Watson gave notice that he will move to disallow the following delegated legislation [The instrument and declarations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 7 September 2005—ie. by 2 November 2005]:

- Crimes Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 81 and made under the *Crimes Act 1914*
- 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](#)

## Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2005 and [9th report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 9](#) of 2005 [report amended and adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

## New inquiries

See **Reports tabled** (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

## Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [see Journals entries [4](#) and [22](#)]

### *Message from the House of Representatives reported*

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Griffin would replace Mr Melham on the Electoral Matters Joint Committee, and Mr TS Burke would replace Mr Price on the Migration Joint Committee

## Private meeting

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

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

### **Motion defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Forshaw to refer the matter of whether any false or misleading evidence was given to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee to the Committee of Privileges

### **Notices of motion given**

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Gallipoli Peninsula–Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 12 October 2005
- Matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the terms of reference for the inquiry into the Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases and any related matters—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 12 September 2005

### **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Hurricane Katrina](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [World poverty](#)—moved by Senators Barnett, Chapman, Stephens and Polley

### **Motion defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senators Stott Despoja, Kirk and Bob Brown about US military commissions

### **Motion debated**

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Ludwig about the sale of Telstra [debated as a matter of public importance—link to [first speaker](#)]

### **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 [various 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*

Statements of compliance for [two portfolios](#) were 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:

- [Government document](#) [and [considered](#)]
- A [petition](#) was received

No Clerk's documents were tabled

## 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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