



# Senate Daily Summary

## Tuesday 8 February 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.32pm

### Legislation

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

#### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Bill 2004

#### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 [2005]—second reading debate continued

#### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments or requests* [These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition (Recipients)—Customs) Bill 2004
- ❑ A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition (Recipients)—Excise) Bill 2004
- ❑ A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition (Recipients)—General) Bill 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports (Application Fees) Bill 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports Bill 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2004
- ❑ Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Bill 2004

#### *With an amendment*

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Long-term Non-reviewable Contracts) Bill 2004 (1 Opposition amendment agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider [the amendment](#) made by the Senate]

#### Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the following bills without amendments [The bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
- ❑ Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004

### Notices of motion given

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

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 and six related bills

### Assent to laws

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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](#)

### Regulation not disallowed

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 176 and made under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the regulations.

### Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the following instruments was withdrawn:

- ❑ National Health Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 186 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*
- ❑ National Health (Private Health Insurance Levies) Regulations 2004, as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 187 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*

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 tabled*

- ❑ Budget estimates 2004-05–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### Report tabled

- ❑ Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Department of Health and Ageing–*Hansard* and documents–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

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

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising [various appointments](#) to joint committees

## Notices of motion given

### *To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–10 February 2005 from 9.30am to 1.30pm–to take evidence relating to the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and nine related bills
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–10 February 2005 from 3.30pm to 8.30pm–to take evidence relating to the Regional Partnerships program

### *To extend a reporting deadline*

- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 18 April 2005

### *To refer a matter to a committee*

- [Private health](#) insurance rebate–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 16 June 2005

### *To schedule estimates hearings*

- [Schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and reporting dates for 2004-05 additional estimates and 2005-06 Budget estimates

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- Ms Cornelia Rau–Detention–moved by Senator Ludwig [moved as an [urgency motion](#) and [debated](#)]
- [Tsunami disaster](#)–moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate

## Notices of motion

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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Reports Nos [16 to 25](#) of 2004-05–Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Business of the Senate–1 January to 31 December 2004 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the calendar year 2004]
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Odgers' Australian Senate Practice, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 2004
- ❑ Questions on notice—Summary for the period 16 November to 31 December 2004
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
  - ❑ [Cigarette vending machines](#)—from the Premier of South Australia [resolution agreed to [10 August 2004](#)]
  - ❑ [Indigenous protocols](#) and the opening of Parliament—from the Minister for Vocational and Technical Education [resolution agreed to [17 November 2004](#)]
  - ❑ [Murray River](#)—from the Acting Premier and Minister for Trade (Queensland) [resolution agreed to [6 December 2004](#)]
  - ❑ [Palm Island](#)—Indigenous affairs—from the Acting Premier and Minister for Trade (Queensland) [resolution agreed to [1 December 2004](#)]
  - ❑ [Ukraine presidential election](#)—from the Ambassador of Ukraine [resolution agreed to [2 December 2004](#)]
- ❑ [A petition](#) was received

### Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 18 December 2004, of Noel Lawrence Beaton, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Bendigo from 1960 to 1969
- ❑ The Leader of the Australian Democrats [advised the Senate](#) of various party appointments
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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