



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 8 September 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.40pm

Change in sitting hours

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business on 12 and 13 September 2005

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

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

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills

- ❑ Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill
- ❑ Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005

The following bill was passed without amendments

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

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

- ❑ Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006
- ❑ Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment (Industry Plans and Consumer Codes) Bill 2005
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005

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

Delegated legislation

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

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of Regulations and Ordinances gave notice to disallow the following delegated legislation [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 8 September 2005—ie. by 3 November 2005]:

- ❑ Maritime Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 115 and made under the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2003*

See **Documents** for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 2 of 2005—[Six legislation committees](#)
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee

Government response to committee report tabled

- ❑ Near neighbours—Good neighbours: An inquiry into Australia's relationship with Indonesia—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Voting on trade: The General Agreement on Trade in Services and an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following appointments to committee membership:

- ❑ ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—Senator McGauran appointed
- ❑ [Four Senate](#) legislation and reference committees—Senator Parry appointed as a participating member

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ 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:

- [Foetal alcohol](#) spectrum disorders—moved by Senator Allison
- [Hurricane Katrina](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- [International Literacy Day](#)—moved by Senator Stephens
- [National Gynaecological Awareness Day](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [World poverty](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Chernobyl nuclear accident](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Health and medical](#) research—moved by Senator Stephens
- [Religious tolerance](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Wandella State Forest](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by [Senator Carr](#) about the effect of the government majority on Senate processes and procedures

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

A statement of compliance for the Department of Health and Ageing was tabled

[Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to [first question](#)]
- ❑ The Deputy President made [a statement](#) about remarks made by Senator Ian Campbell during question time on 7 September 2005
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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