



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 8 November 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.27pm

Change of sitting days

[The Senate agreed](#) to meet from 5 to 8 December 2005

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005

The following bills were considered

- Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—1
Opposition/Democrat [amendment](#) to be determined
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

The following bill was passed

With amendments

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Bill 2005—3 Government [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Notice of motion given

To restore a bill to the Notice Paper

- Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001—Notice of motion given by the Senator Stott Despoja

Law assented to

[Assent](#) to the *Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Act 2005* was reported in the Senate

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Notices of motion to disallow the following instruments were withdrawn:

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 125 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*
- ❑ Health Insurance (Allied Health and Dental Services) Determination 2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2005-06

No reports were tabled

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Santoro replace Senator Barnett on the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 on 14 November 2005 from 9am to 5pm and on 15 November from 9am to 1pm

Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—10 November 2005 from 4pm—workplace exposure to toxic dust
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—9 November 2005 from 7pm—statutory oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 10 November 2005
- ❑ Petrol sniffing—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 10 November
- ❑ Workplace exposure to toxic dust—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 2 March 2006

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) to refer the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill to the Employment Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for report by 6 December 2005

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator George Campbell to amend the terms of reference and reporting date for the inquiry into the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005 by the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Administration of the Migration Act—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 9 February 2006

To refer matters to committees

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005, a related bill, and [related matters](#)—to be referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee upon introduction in the House of Representatives—to report by 28 November 2005
- Involvement of the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) in the Iraq Oil-for-Food Programme between 1999 and 2003 and [related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 30 March 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Mr Nguyen Tuong Van](#)—moved by the Leaders of the Government, the Opposition, The Nationals, and the Leader of the Australian Democrats in the Senate, and Senator Bob Brown and the Leader of the Family First Party
- [Warrant Officer David Russell Nary](#)—Death of—moved by the Leaders of the Government, the Opposition, The Nationals, and the Leader of the Australian Democrats in the Senate, and Senator Bob Brown and the Leader of the Family First Party

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Child care](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [Climate change](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bartlett about the need for a national Royal Commission into the sexual assault of children in Australia [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

A statement of compliance for the Australian Research Council 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]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about a [question without notice](#) asked by Senator Nettle during question time on 7 November 2005. The Leaders of the [Opposition](#) and the [Government](#) in the Senate, and [Senator Bob Brown](#), made statements about the President's statement.
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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