



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 8 December 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.33pm

Days of meeting for 2006

The Senate agreed to [days of meeting](#) of the Senate for 2006

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Amendment Bill 2005
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005

The following bills were declared urgent

[Nine bills](#) were declared urgent and time was allotted for the consideration of the remaining stages of the bills. A [variation](#) to the allotment of time was made for one bill.

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005
- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005
- National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 2) 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2005

With amendments

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005–3 Government [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005–1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Notices were given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 222 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 8 December 2005–ie by 11 May 2005]
- Civil Aviation (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 224 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 8 December 2005–ie by 11 May 2005]

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 204 and made under the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005*
- Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment [second edition], made under subsection 28(1) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and*

Compensation Act 1988 [Senator Wong objected to the withdrawal of the notice, and it was transferred to her name]

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—[406th report](#)
- Publications Committee—[9th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 15](#) of 2005 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- The removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Government response to committee report tabled

- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

President's report on Government responses tabled

President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 8 December 2005

New inquiry

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial responsibility for approval of RU486) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by the second sitting day in 2006

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

Establishment of a committee

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message was reported advising that the House of Representatives agreed to the Senate resolution establishing a [Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Library](#)

Public meeting

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—28 February 2006 from 4.30pm to 9pm—economic impact of salinity on the Australian environment

Reporting date extended

- Economic impact of salinity on the Australian environment—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 28 March 2006

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator McLucas to refer the matter of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) and related matters to the Community Affairs References Committee

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion about:

- [Death penalty](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [Nuclear power](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [Radio Adelaide](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) by Senator Sherry for the tabling of correspondence relating to the nomination and appointment of Mr Robert Gerard to the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia

Notices of motion given

Senator Stott Despoja gave notices of motion to require

- The [tabling](#) of all of the raw data submitted to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) for all applications for certain genetically-modified foods or foods derived from genetically-modified organisms—no later than the conclusion of question time on 7 February 2006
- The Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training to [table](#) all data including analyses, any reports and conference papers relating to the sheep study (NLRD 309/2002, 20 February 2002) conducted by the CSIRO on the effect of transgenic peas on the immune responses of sheep—no later than the conclusion of question time on 7 February 2006

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Commonwealth Ombudsman—Monitoring of controlled operations—[Report for 2004-05](#)
- Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet 1 January to 30 June 2005

- Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration 1 January to 30 June 2005
- Industrial relations—[petitioning document](#)
- Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports 1 January to 30 June 2005
- Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration 1 January to 30 June 2005
- 5 [petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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