



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 9 November 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.48pm

Procedural changes

The Senate agreed to two recommendations of the [second report of 2005](#) of the Procedure Committee, concerning [amendments](#) to standing order 74(5) relating to unanswered questions on notice, and standing order 164 relating to orders for the production of documents

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [The Australian Greens moved a [second reading amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was restored to the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [2005] [Private senator's bill. Consideration of the bill may be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament.]

Laws assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws 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)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Public Works Joint Committee–20th report of 2005–Proposed CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions at Waterford, Perth, WA
- Public Works Joint Committee–21st report of 2005–Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for AusAID at London Circuit, City, ACT
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 13](#) of 2005 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 13](#) of 2005 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Document tabled

- The 2004 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto–Corrigendum–Electoral Matters Joint Committee

New inquiries

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2005
- 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

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 [27](#) and [31](#)]

Reporting date extended

- Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 10 November 2005

Notice of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- Scope and opportunity for naval shipbuilding in Australia and [related matters](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in 2006

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senators Brown, Siewert, Nettle and Stott Despoja about the death of [Mr Rod Donald](#)

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [CSIRO](#)—financial position—moved by Senator Stephens
- [Welfare to work](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Milne gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Education, Science and Training to table all correspondence including e-mails, directions and guidelines between the Minister and the board of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and between the Minister and the Chief Executive of the CSIRO, dated between 1 June and 1 November 2005, concerning the research and development work to be undertaken by the CSIRO—no later than 3.30pm on 28 November 2005

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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