



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 10 February 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.02pm

[[The Senate](#) will meet again on 7 March 2005. Senate legislation committees will meet next week to examine [additional estimates](#).]

Additional estimates 2004-05

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The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs [tabled the particulars](#) of proposed additional expenditure for 2004-05 [the amounts contained in the appropriation bills]. The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by the Minister to refer the particulars, the final budget outcome 2003-04 and the Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister to legislation committees for examination and report. [This motion initiates the additional estimates hearings process.] Portfolio additional estimates statements for the [Department of the Senate](#) and [portfolio and executive departments](#) were also tabled [*and see* Committees, Estimates]

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004
- AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004]—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Australian Sports Commission Amendment Bill 2004 [2005] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

- Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

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](#)

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

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

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Estimates

Additional estimates hearings 2005

The Senate agreed to a [schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and to reporting dates for the 2004-05 additional estimates and the 2005-06 Budget estimates

Additional information tabled

- Budget estimates 2004-05—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Government response to committee report tabled

- Superannuation Select Committee—Superannuation and standards of living in retirement: The adequacy of the tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy

Membership

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

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- [Cancer treatment](#)—delivery of services and options for treatment, and related matters—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 23 June 2005

Notice of motion given

To refer matters to a committee

- [Detention of Ms Cornelia Rau](#), and related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 15 June 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Australian Defence Force](#)—deaths during peacetime—moved by Senator Harris
- [Cambodian National Assembly](#)—parliamentary immunity—moved by Senator Brown
- [Plastic bag prohibition](#)—Papua New Guinea—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Sustainable energy](#)—parliamentary and government buildings—moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Measuring the efficiency and effectiveness of e-government
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [A petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Address-in-reply—[The Senate agreed](#) to the address-in-reply, with an amendment [The address will be presented to the Governor-General at a later date]
- [Government documents](#) and [Auditor-General's reports](#) were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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