



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 10 May 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.40pm

Budget 2005-06

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The Minister for Finance and Administration tabled the [Budget documents](#) for the year 2005-06 and associated budget papers and ministerial statements. The Opposition, minor parties and independent senators will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday 12 May 2005.

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) by the Minister for Finance and Administration to refer documents to legislation committees to enable the committees to examine the proposed budget. This initiates the estimates hearings process. Portfolio budget statements and portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements for [parliamentary](#) and [executive departments](#) were also tabled.

Privilege

The President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) concerning the failure of Senator Lightfoot to provide a statement to the Registrar of Senators' Interests concerning sponsorship of a trip to Iraq in July 2004. Senator Evans gave [a notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

New senator sworn in

[Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells](#) (Liberal Party, New South Wales) [was sworn in](#) to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Tierney

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004—second reading debate continued

No bills were passed

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

Delegated legislation

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

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- Annual reports—Report No. 1 of 2005—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill and the Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Indigenous education—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 15 June 2005

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—12 May 2005 from 9.30am to 11.30am—to take evidence relating to the review of the Auditor-General's reports

To refer matters to committees

- [Anzac Cove](#)—construction activity, and related matters—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 30 June 2005

- ❑ [Indian Ocean Territories](#)—current and future governance arrangements, and related matters—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2006
- ❑ [National Heritage List, and related matters](#)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about the 60th anniversary of VE Day—moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Bishop asked the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 447 and 477. The Minister indicated that responses were being prepared by the department.

[Senator Bishop asked](#) the Minister for Defence for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question on notice at the additional estimates hearings for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. [The Minister indicated](#) that the answer was being cleared by the Minister.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Carr gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to table all submissions received by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in response to the Building on Success Community Development Employment Project Discussion Paper 2005—no later than 3.30pm on 12 May 2005
- ❑ Senator Greig gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to table the final report of the Breaching Review Taskforce, presented to the Minister in December 2004—no later than 5.00pm on 12 May 2005
- ❑ Senator Bishop gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Defence to table all briefings to the Minister and the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, on the matter of road works at Gallipoli over the past four years, and all internal minutes and file notes, including records of meetings between the Office of Australian War Graves and officials of the Government of Turkey on the same subject—no later than 12 May 2005

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, on 2 April 2005. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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