



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 10 October 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.25pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005
- Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005
- Medical Indemnity (Competitive Advantage Payment) Bill 2005
- Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Competitive Neutrality) Bill 2005

The following bill was considered

- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—second reading debate continued

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Customs Tariff Amendment (Commonwealth Games) Bill 2005
- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
- Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005

Bill assented to

Assent to the *Defence Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 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)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- The 2004 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 2004 federal election and matters related thereto—Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Wong to refer the Government's proposed changes to welfare, as detailed in *Budget paper no. 2—Budget measures 2005-06—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education* References Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005—to report by the first sitting day in 2006
- Government advertising—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 1 December 2005

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—11 October 2005 from 4pm to 7pm and 13 October 2005 from 9.30am to 11.30am—review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*

To refer a matter to a committee

- Logging of old-growth forests in Tasmania and [relevant matters](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 1 December 2005

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Ludwig about the report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman relating to the Vivian Alvarez matter [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

Notice of motion given

Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training to table copies of the departmental documents on the three options for voluntary student unionism—no later than 13 October 2005

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Human Services portfolio agencies was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into 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]
- ❑ Weapons of mass destruction—Australia's role in fighting proliferation: Practical responses to new challenges
- ❑ [2 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](#)]
- ❑ The President [made a statement](#) relating to remarks made by Senator Bob Brown and votes in the Senate on 6 October 2005
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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