



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 12 May 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.54pm

*The Senate will meet again on 14 June 2005. Senate legislation committees will meet from 23 May to 3 June 2005 to examine [Budget estimates](#).*

## Budget 2005-06

For Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites [click here](#)

[The Opposition](#), [Australian Democrats](#) and [Australian Greens](#) made responses to the Budget statement and documents

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- ❑ Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Extension of Youth Allowance and Austudy Eligibility to New Apprentices) Bill 2005
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005
- ❑ Spyware Bill 2005 [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Extended Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2005

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004 [2005]—second reading debate continued

### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments or requests*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005

- Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005

**The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Social Security Legislation Amendment (One-off Payments for Carers) Bill 2005

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](#)

## Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2004-05 (Supplementary)

## Reports tabled

- AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Publications Committee—[3rd Report](#) [report adopted]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 4](#) of 2005 and [4th report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Environment, Communication, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

## Reporting date varied

- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 14 June 2005 [Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 4](#) of 2005 adopted 11 May 2005]

## Membership

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

*Message from the House of Representatives reported*

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Price would replace Mrs Irwin on the Migration Joint Committee

**Motion defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Brown to refer the matter of the new National Heritage List and related matters, to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

**Notice of motion given**

*To refer a matter to a committee*

- The ability of the Australian Defence Force to ensure and maintain air superiority in our region to 2020—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

**Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Burma](#)—last election—moved by Senate Nettle
- [National Day of Healing](#)—moved by Senators Ridgeway, Carr and Nettle

**Motions debated**

The Senate debated motions about:

- Mandatory detention, deportation and enforcement under the Migration Act—moved by Senator Bartlett [link to [first speaker](#)]
- Welfare reform—moved by Senator Wong [link to [first speaker](#)]

**Notices of motion**

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

**Orders for the production of documents**

*Motions agreed to*

- [The Senate ordered](#) the tabling of all reports provided by the states and territories to the Commonwealth under Housing Assistance (Form of Agreement) Determination 2003, Schedule 1, subsections 4(33) to 4(36) for the financial year 2003-04—no later than 3.30pm on 12 May 2005. The Senate also ordered the continued tabling of such reports and for the Minister for Family and Community Services to notify the Senate if reports are not provided within a specified time—moved by Senator Bartlett. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) later in the day indicating that the government was considering the order.
- [The Senate ordered](#) the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania—no later than 3.30pm on 16 June 2005—moved by Senator Brown

- [The Senate ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table copies of all reports provided by the Australian Federation of Pregnancy Support Services to the Department of Health and Ageing as part of their reporting requirements, including financial statements—no later than 4.30pm on 12 May 2005—moved by Senator Allison. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) later in the day indicating that the documents would be made available by 20 May 2005.

#### *Documents tabled and statements made*

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) and [tabled documents](#) relating to gene technology [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [16 March 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Bartlett]
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) and tabled the final report of the Breaching Review Taskforce, presented to the Minister in December 2004 [The document was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [11 May 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Greig]

#### *Statements by Parliamentary Secretary*

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [11 May 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of 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. The Parliamentary Secretary indicated that the government would not comply with the order.
- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [11 May 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of 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. The Parliamentary Secretary indicated that the government would not comply with the order.

#### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Brown gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Prime Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania—no later than 3.30pm on 22 June 2005

## **Documents**

The following documents were tabled:

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

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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