The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.20pm

### Legislation

For [full text of bills](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate) and other associated documents

**The following bills were introduced in the Senate**
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005

**The following bills were considered**
- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [A Green amendment to postpone consideration of the bills until 4 October 2005 to be determined]

**The following message from the House of Representatives was reported**
- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill with an amendment [The Senate will now consider the message on a future sitting day]

**The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006
- Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment (Industry Plans and Consumer Codes) Bill 2005
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005

**Bill assented to**
- [Assent](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate) to a law 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)

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices
A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:
- Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Amendment Orders 2005 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of the Export Control (Order) Regulations 1982
- Modification Declaration No.1, made under section 177 of the Retirement Savings Account Act 1997

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

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings
For committee reports

Reports tabled
- Australia’s human rights dialogue process–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Mr Chen Yonglin’s request for political asylum–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee–67th report–Treaties tabled on 21 June

Membership
The Senate agreed to the appointment of Senator Carol Brown to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Notices of motion given
To determine a reporting deadline
- Australia’s relationship with China–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 10 November 2005

To hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–13 September 2005 from 4pm–Australia’s relationship with China
Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator McLucas about private health insurance in Australia

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

The Acting Deputy President tabled project progress reports, financial statements, business plans and annual project plans from various agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 15 June 2005 on the motion of Senator Allison]

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Education, Science and Training portfolio agencies were 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]
- Industrial relations–Letter forwarding text of a resolution–from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
- 3 petitions were received

No government documents were tabled
Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to first question]
- The President informed the Senate of the death, on 4 September 2005, of Dame Nancy Eileen Buttfield, DBE, a senator for South Australia from 1955 to 1965 and 1968 to 1974. The Senate agreed to a condolence motion moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- Adjournment debate [link to first speaker]