



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 12 October 2005

The Senate met from 10.00am until 7.50pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Immunisation Program) Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Loss Recoupment Rules and Other Measures) Bill 2005

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005—second reading debate continued

### The following bill was passed without amendments

- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- ❑ Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following instruments were withdrawn:

- ❑ Crimes Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 81 and made under the *Crimes Act 1914*
- ❑ Income Tax Assessment Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 75 and made under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts–Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEST], dated 17 May 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts–Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEWR], dated 29 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts–Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [FACS], dated 26 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Student Assistance Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 123 and made under the *Student Assistance Act 1973*

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–17th report of 2005–Proposed refurbishment of the Royal Australian Mint, Canberra, ACT
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[12th report of 2005](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 12](#) of 2005 [report adopted]

### New inquiry

- ❑ [Workplace Relations](#) Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 22 November 2005

See **Reports tabled** (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

### Membership

*Message from the House of Representatives reported*

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

### Notices of motion given

#### *To extend a reporting deadline*

- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005, Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 and National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 7 November 2005

#### *To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—13 October 2005 from 4.00pm—Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005, Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 and National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005

#### *To refer a matter to a committee*

- ❑ Industrial agreements and [related matters](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 1 December 2005

### Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about Millennium Development Goals moved by Senators Moore and Allison

### Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Child care](#)—moved by Senators Allison and Siewert
- ❑ [Mental health](#)—moved by Senator McLucas
- ❑ [Poverty in Australia](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

### Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Stephens about mental illness [debated as a matter of public importance—link to [first speaker](#)]

### Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

The Minister for Defence provided [further information](#) about answers not being provided to a number of [questions on notice](#) by Senator Bishop

### Notices of motion

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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Report for 2004-05
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]

No petitions were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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