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Senate Daily Summary

Monday 14 March 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.27pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bills were considered

- Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance and Australia-Indonesia Partnership) Bill 2004-2005—second reading debate continued
- Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance) Bill 2004-2005—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

With amendments

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004 [2005]—1 Government, 3 Democrat and 2 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

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

- Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance and Australia-Indonesia Partnership) Bill 2004-2005
- Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance) Bill 2004-2005

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

Delegated legislation

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

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:

- Amendment No. 1 to the Transitional Arrangements for Students Guidelines, pursuant to items 4 and 8 of Schedule 1 of the *Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003*
- OS-Help Guidelines, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*
- Other Grants Guidelines, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information

- Additional estimates 2004-05–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Additional estimates 2004-05–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Additional estimates 2004-05–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Review of administration and expenditure for ASIO, ASIS and DSD–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Right of Entry) Bill 2004–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- [Performance of the Australian](#) telecommunications regulatory regime and related matters–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 23 June 2005

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—16 March 2005 from noon to 1.30pm—review of Auditor-General's reports

To extend reporting deadlines

- Additional estimates 2004–05—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 16 March 2005
- Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 10 May 2005

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about the election of Senator Brandis to the Council of the National Library of Australia

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by [Senator McLucas](#) about private health insurance

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Bishop gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to table a copy of the letter from the then Minister for Veterans' Affairs sent in August 2004 to the Government of Turkey requesting road improvements near the ANZAC commemoration site at Gallipoli (no later than 3.30pm on 16 March 2005)

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of Veterans' Affairs was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created 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]
- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation to extend the approval for the temporary vehicle barriers around Parliament House until 30 June 2005. A [notice of motion](#) was given to extend the approval.

No petitions were received
No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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