



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 14 June 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.59pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Extra Service) Bill 2005
- ❑ Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005
- ❑ Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
- ❑ Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Crimes Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Bill 2005
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Australian Community Pharmacy Authority) Bill 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Bill 2005
- ❑ Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Maritime Transport Security Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Payment Systems (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Rice) Bill 2005
- ❑ Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Bill 2005
- ❑ Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005
- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2005

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—1 Democrat [amendment to be determined](#)

No bills were passed

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- National Animal Welfare Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws 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) [click here](#)

Motion to oppose management plan defeated

The Senate agreed *not to oppose* the proposed accreditation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Management Plan (as amended), dated 10 November 2004 and made under subsection 33(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Public Service Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 396 and made under the *Public Service Act 1999*—on 16 June 2005—by Senator Carr

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:

- Administrative Guidelines, made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*
- Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

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

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2004-05
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2004-05

Documents tabled

- Budget estimates 2005-06–Portfolio budget statement–Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Indigenous Affairs portfolio–Corrections
- Estimates questions on notice summary–Letter from the President of the Senate to the Leader of the Government in the Senate

Reports tabled

- Annual report of committee activities 2004-05–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Lurching forward, looking back: Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government’s energy white paper–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee–Several [reports](#)
- Review of the listing of Tanzin Qa’idat al-jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn (the al-Zarqawi network) as a terrorist organisation–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2005 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- Children in institutional care or out-of-home care–Community Affairs References Committee–Further submissions and additional information

New inquiry

- Australian Defence Force regional air superiority and [related matters](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–no reporting date

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointment to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Bartlett to replace Senators Heffernan and Ridgeway for the committee’s inquiry into the Gallipoli Peninsula
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Senator Ludwig appointed

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr CP Thompson would replace Mr Baldwin on the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–15 June 2005 3pm to 7.30pm–administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 17 June 2005
- ❑ Unfair dismissal laws and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal Reform) Bill 2004—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 21 June 2005

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Whether, and if so what, acts of unauthorised disclosure of parliamentary committee proceedings, evidence or draft reports should continue to be included among prohibited acts which may be treated by the Senate as contempts—Committee of Privileges—to report by 21 June 2005
- ❑ Indigenous education—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 21 June 2005
- ❑ Student income support—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 22 June 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 21 June 2005

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—23 June 2005 from 9.30am to 11am—trafficking of women for sexual servitude
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—20 June 2005 from 6.30pm—performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—16, 20, 21 and 22 June 2005 from 4.30pm—Australia’s relationship with China
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—15 June 2005 from 5.30pm—Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005

To refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ Australian Government’s response to the defection of Chinese diplomat Chen Yonglin, and [related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005

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 correspondence between the Minister for Education, Science and Training and certain office-holders and members of the Board, Council or Executive of the former Melbourne University Student Union from 2002—no later than 5.00pm on 15 June 2005—moved by Senator Carr

- ❑ [The Senate ordered](#) 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—moved by Senator Brown

Documents tabled

The Deputy President tabled:

- ❑ [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 [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [12 May 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Allison]
- ❑ [Report](#) by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on tobacco and related matters [The report was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [27 June 2002](#) on the motion of Senator Allison]
- ❑ [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 documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [11 May 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Carr]

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table copies of all reports provided by the Australian Episcopal Conference of the Roman Catholic Church to the Department of Health and Ageing for the past five years as part of their reporting requirements, including financial statements—no later than 4.30pm on 21 June 2005
- ❑ Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Justice and Customs to table copies of all reports prepared by the Australian Customs Service since 1 January 2004 which refer to issues of airport security, including the report completed in September 2004, referred to on page 1 of *The Australian* on 31 May 2005 ('Airport staff "smuggling drugs"')—no later than 10.30am on 15 June 2005

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

- ❑ A correction to the statement of compliance for the Attorney-General's portfolio was tabled
- ❑ A statement of compliance for the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs 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:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 43 and 45 of 2004-05 presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 44, and 46 to 50 of 2004-05
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Senators' satisfaction with departmental services—Report prepared by Eureka Strategic Research, May 2005

- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Parliamentary privilege—Letter from the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the Senate—Proposal of the Australian National Audit Office to claim parliamentary privilege over certain documents
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [Helicopter accident](#)—Nias, Indonesia—from the Chief of the Defence Force [resolution agreed to [11 May 2005](#)]
 - ❑ [Nuclear Non-Proliferation](#) Treaty Review conference—from the High Commissioner of India [resolution agreed to [10 March 2005](#)]
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about mail screening procedures within Parliament House
- ❑ Senator Fierravanti-Wells (Liberal, New South Wales) made her [first speech](#)
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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