



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 15 June 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.09pm

Privilege

The President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) concerning the alleged failure of Senator Lightfoot to include in his declaration of interests certain share ownerships and transactions. Senator Evans gave a [notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Bill 2005

The following bill was considered

- ❑ AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004—second reading debate continued
- ❑ AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Bill 2005—3 Democrat requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the requests made by the Senate to this bill]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Extra Service) Bill 2005
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Extension of Youth Allowance and Austudy Eligibility to New Apprentices) Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2005

With amendments

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005–5 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bill was defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

- ❑ Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by the Minister for Defence
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by Senators Brown and Nettle [Private senators' bill]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by Senators Brown and Nettle [Private senators' bill]
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja [Private senator's bill]

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](#)

Notices of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disapprove the Determination 2005/07: Principal Executive Office (PEO) Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions, made pursuant to subsections 5(2A), 7(3D) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* by Senator Brown

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation was withdrawn:

- ❑ 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

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2004-05

Reports tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 6](#) of 2005 and [5th report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 5](#) of 2005 [report amended and adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

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

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Ray to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with China
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Senator Mason to replace Senator Scullion for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988*

Public and private meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public and private meetings may be held while 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 References 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

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ 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
- ❑ 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

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Government advertising—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 10 November 2005

To hold private meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—23 June 2005 from 4pm—Regional Partnerships program
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—16 June 2005 from 11am to 1pm—Antarctic territories

To refer matters to committees

- Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—for comment and report to the Minister for Defence
- Regulatory framework to be implemented and enforced by the Department of Transport and Regional Services under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005*, [and related matters](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 9 August 2005
- Responses by the Australian Government to requests for asylum and/or protection visas, [and related matters](#)—and the cases of Mr Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Nuclear power](#) in Australia—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Tobacco policy](#)—Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists—moved by Senator Allison

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle about World Refugee Day

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table copies of all reports, including financial statements, provided as part of their reporting requirements for the past five years by all agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing, other than those already provided in the past month—no later than 4.30pm on 21 June 2005—moved by Senator Allison

Statement by Minister and documents tabled

The Minister for Justice and Customs made [a statement](#) and tabled documents relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [14 June 2005](#)] requiring 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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no.51 of 2004-05–Performance audit–DEWR’s oversight of Job Network services for job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and [considered](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation to approve an extension for the temporary vehicle barriers around Parliament House to remain until 31 December 2005. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- ❑ A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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