



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 15 September 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.51pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004

### The following bills were considered

*Second reading debate continued on the following bills*

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005
- ❑ Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [2005]

### The following bill was passed without amendment

- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

### The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005– The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate
- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment

### Notice of motion to exempt bills

A [notice of motion](#) was given to exempt a number of bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

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

## Delegated legislation

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- Four legislation committees–Budget estimates 2005-06 [see Journals entries [10](#) and [24](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2004-05

### Reports tabled

- Publications Committee–[6<sup>th</sup> Report](#) [report adopted]
- Removal, search for and discovery of Ms Vivian Solon–Interim report–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Human Rights and Good Governance Education in the Asia Pacific Region–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

### Documents tabled

- Register of senators' interests lodged between 21 June and 12 September 2005–Standing Committee of Senators' Interests

### New inquiry

- [Ruling of the President](#) on 14 September 2005, and related matters–Procedure Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [*see* Journals entries [28](#) and [35](#)]

### Reporting date extended

- Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases: report on matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in 2005

### Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Brown to refer the matter of Opal fuel roll out throughout the central desert region of Australia to the Community Affairs References Committee

### **Notice of motion given**

*To refer matters to a committee*

- [Petrol sniffing](#) and Indigenous communities–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 9 November 2005

### **Motion agreed to**

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Stott Despoja about Australian Book Industry Awards

### **Motion defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bob Brown about the detention of Mr Scott Parkin

### **Notices of motion**

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

### **Orders for the production of documents**

#### **Orders with continuing effect**

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet*

A statement of compliance for the Department of Transport and Regional Services was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

*Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

A statement of compliance for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 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:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Department of the Senate–Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests, lodged between 21 June and 6 September 2005

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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