



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–[6th 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

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ 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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