



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 16 June 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.38pm

Change in sitting hours

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business on 20, 21 and 22 June 2005

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Film Licensed Investment Company Bill 2005
- Film Licensed Investment Company (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2005
- Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2005
- Migration Amendment (Act of Compassion) Bill 2005 [Private senators' bill]
- Migration Amendment (Mandatory Detention) Bill 2005 [Private senators' bill]
- Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005
- Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
- Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (2005 Budget Measure) Bill 2005

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

- AusLink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004
- AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004
- Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2005
- Crimes Amendment Bill 2005
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Bill 2005
- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- Film Licensed Investment Company Bill 2005
- Film Licensed Investment Company (Consequential Provisions) 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
- ❑ Maritime Transport Security Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2005
- ❑ Payment Systems (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Rice) Bill 2005
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (2005 Budget Measure) Bill 2005

With amendments/requests

- ❑ Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005–1 Democrat and 8 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment (International Obligations and Other Matters) Bill 2005–10 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]
- ❑ National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2005–1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were received

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendments requested by the Senate [The Senate will now consider the message on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate insisted on the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The House will now reconsider the Senate amendments]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- ❑ Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja [Private senator's bill]

Delegated legislation

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

Regulation disallowed

The Senate *agreed 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*

Motion to disapprove determination defeated

The Senate agreed *not to disapprove* Determination 2005/07: Principal Executive Office (PEO) Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions, Table 1, PEO Band A reference salary A, and related details, made pursuant to subsections 5(2A), 7(3D) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- Effectiveness of Australia's military justice system—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Iraqi wheat debt: Repayments for wheat growers—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Documents tabled

- Auslink (National Land Transport) Bill 2004 and the Auslink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004—Report—additional information
- Exposure draft of the Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Erratum

Government responses to committee reports

- A national capital, a place to live: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee [The report was [considered](#)]
- Administrative review of veteran and military compensation and income support—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Commonwealth funding for schools—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- Review of the Defence annual report 2002-03—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—57th report

New inquiries

- [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 Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005
- [Whether there have](#) been any failures by Senator Lightfoot to comply with the [Senate's resolution](#) of 17 March 1994 relating to registration of interests—Committee of Privileges

Public meeting

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

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–23 June 2005 from 4pm–Regional Partnerships program

Reporting date extended

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

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–20 June 2005 from 4pm–Superannuation Bill 2005 and two related bills
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–22 June 2005–
 - ❑ from 3.30pm to 4.30pm–administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak
 - ❑ from 4.30pm to 5pm–corporate governance issues arising from the committee’s report on Australian Wool Innovation Ltd and other matters

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ Register of Senators’ Interests–adequacy and appropriateness in relation to the issue of share market activity by senators, [and related matters](#)–Procedure Committee

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Australian Law Reform Commission](#)–30th anniversary–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Nuclear waste dump](#)–Northern Territory–moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [World Refugee Day](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

Questions on notice–failure to provide answers

Senator Bishop asked the Minister representing the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 447 and 477. [The Minister indicated](#) that responses were being prepared by the department.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Defence made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [12 May 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of all correspondence from January 2002 to the present between the Minister, his staff and department and Gunns Pty Ltd relating to the proposed pulp mill in Tasmania—no later than 3.30pm on 16 June 2005. [The Minister indicated](#) that the order would not be complied with.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

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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