



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 16 August 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.54pm

Senator sworn in

[Amanda Vanstone](#), senator for the state of South Australia, made and subscribed the affirmation of allegiance

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [together with debate on a [second reading amendment](#) moved by the Australian Greens expressing a view about the bill's policy]

No bills were passed

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005

Notices of motion given

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005
- ❑ National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005

To introduce a bill

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Defence

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)

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 11 and made under the *HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Act 2003* was withdrawn

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Report tabled

- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Keenan would replace Mr Turnbull on the Treaties Joint Committee and that Mr Baker would replace Mrs J Kelly on the Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Public meeting

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

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—17 August 2005 from 3.30pm to 7pm—Regional Partnerships program

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Gallipoli Peninsula—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 15 September 2005

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—18 August 2005 from 3.30pm—Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—18 August 2005 from 10.45am to 11.45am—Aviation security in Australia

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Indigenous communities](#)—petrol sniffing—Opal Fuel—moved by Senator Brown [debated as a matter of urgency—link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—to approve a proposal by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the construction of a pathway on the southern foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin, including Australian of the Year Walk

Motion debated

The Senate continued to debate a motion to dissent from the [ruling of the President](#) on 11 August 2005 [[first speaker](#)]. The debate will continue on a future sitting day.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Siewert gave [notice of a motion](#) to require the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to table any legal advice which the Government has received from the Australian Government Solicitor or other source on the Commonwealth Government's authority to unilaterally approve uranium mines in the Northern Territory—no later than 3.30pm on 18 August 2005
- ❑ Senator Allison gave [notice of a motion](#) to require the Minister for Defence to table a copy of the Australian Defence Force report of the presence of depleted uranium in the Australian area of operations in Al Muthanna province in southern Iraq—no later than 4.30pm on 18 August 2005
- ❑ Senator Allison gave [notice of a motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table a copy of the report provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as part of their consultancy to assist in the development of a strategy to implement the recommendations made by the Australian National Audit Office in Audit Report no. 18 of 2004-05—no later than 4.30pm on 5 September 2005
- ❑ Senator Allison gave [notice of a motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table a copy of the report from the review of the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Initiative—no later than 4.30pm on 5 September 2005

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts for the period 1 January to 30 June 2005 was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate–Joint Ministerial Statement [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Senators [Joyce](#) (Nats, Qld), [Sterle](#) (ALP, WA) and [Trood](#) (Liberal, Qld) made their first speeches [Senators Nash, Parry and Wortley will make their first speeches on 18 August 2005]
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Brown on 11 August 2005
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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