



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday 18 August 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.28pm

### Legislation

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

#### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Workplace Safety Standards Bill 2005
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Bill 2005
- ❑ National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Repeal, Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
- ❑ National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Small Business Employment Protection) Bill 2004

#### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—2 Democrat [amendments to be determined](#)

#### The following bills were passed

##### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill 2005

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

## Delegated legislation

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

### Motion to disallow regulations defeated

[The Senate agreed](#) *not to disallow* the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 171 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Australian personnel in Iraq—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[several reports](#)
- ❑ Publications Committee—5th Report [report adopted]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2005 and [8th report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—66<sup>th</sup> Report—Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004, 15 March and 11 May 2005

### 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 Mrs B Bishop would replace Mr Somlyay on the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

### Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 8 September 2005
- ❑ Mental Health Select Committee—to report by the Thursday of the second sitting week in March 2006

### Notice of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—6 September 2005 from 6pm—Economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment

*To refer matters to a committee*

- [Opal fuel roll out](#) implementation–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 9 November 2005

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Northern Territory](#)–nuclear waste management–moved by Senator Crossin
- [World Breastfeeding Week](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

## Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [MV Tampa](#)–Asylum seekers–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Ruling of the President](#)–dissent–moved by [Senator Allison](#)
- [Vivian Solon](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

## Motion debated

The Senate debated motions about:

- [Ministerial responsibility](#)–Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs–moved by Senator Evans [discussion of matter of public importance–link to [first speaker](#)]
- Ministerial responsibility–Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs–moved by Senator Ludwig [link to [first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### Orders with continuing effect

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

Statement of compliance for [two portfolios](#) were 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]

#### *Unproclaimed legislation*

Details of unproclaimed Acts, together with statements of reasons for non-proclamation and a timetable for their operation, as at 31 July 2005 [Standing order 139(2) requires tabling annually after 31 August each year; Senate sessional order adopted as a [standing order](#), and [amended](#)]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 6 of 2005-06–Performance audit–Implementation of Job Network Employment services contract 3: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Travelling allowance payments to senators and members, 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Travel expenditure, 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about the [Earth Charter](#)–from the Premier of Victoria [resolution agreed to [21 June 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 [link to [first question](#)]
- ❑ Senators [Nash](#) (NATS, NSW), [Parry](#) (Lib, Tas.) and [Wortley](#) (ALP, SA) made their first speeches
- ❑ [The President advised](#) the Senate that the address-in-reply had been presented to the Governor-General on 17 August 2005
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) informing the Senate he would be absent from the Senate from 5 to 8 September 2005 to lead the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 51st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Fiji
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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