



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 21 June 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.11pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2005-2006
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2005-2006
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2004-2005
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2004-2005
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2005-2006
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment) Bill 2005
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005 [Private senator's bill]

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—6 Government [amendments](#) agreed to, and 1 Democrat [amendment](#) to be determined

### The following bill was passed

*Without amendments*

- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- ❑ National Security Information Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendment](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment) 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) [click here](#)

### Motion to disapprove delegated legislation defeated

The Senate agreed *not to disapprove* the 'Communications Allowance', being Clauses 10.4 to 10.13 of Determination 2005/09: Members of Parliament—Entitlements, made pursuant to subsections 7(1), (2) and (4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*

### Notices of motion given

Notices were given to disallow the following delegated legislation by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 18 and made under the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and the *Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 200* –15 sitting days after 21 June 2005
- ❑ 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*–15 sitting days after 21 June 2005

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

## Committees

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

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ Superannuation Bill 2005 and two related bills—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Unfair dismissal and small business employment—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- ❑ Unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings—Committee of Privileges—122<sup>nd</sup> report [[A motion](#) to adopt the recommendation at paragraph 3.60 [was debated](#). The debate will continue on a future sitting day]

### New inquiry

- ❑ *Migration Act 1958*—administration and operation—with particular reference to the processing and assessment of visa applications, migration detention and the deportation of people from Australia, and [related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 8 November 2005

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—
  - ❑ Senator Kirk to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with China
  - ❑ Senator Ray discharged

### **Public meeting**

The Senate agreed that the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting—22 June 2005 from 4pm—Australia's relationship with China [This varies the order of [15 June 2005](#)]

### **Reporting dates extended**

- Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005
- Gallipoli Peninsula—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 18 August 2005
- Performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 9 August 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 22 June 2005

### **Notices of motion given**

#### *To extend reporting deadlines*

- Regional Partnerships program—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 6 October 2005
- Student income support—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 23 June 2005

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

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—23 June 2005—Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005

#### *To refer a bill and matters to committees*

- Health impacts of workplace exposure to toxic dust, and [related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the first sitting day of December 2005
- [Migration Amendment](#) (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 23 June 2005

## **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Earth Charter](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Whaling program](#)—Japan—moved by Senator Brown
- [Women](#)—World Population Day—moved by Senator Allison
- [Zimbabwe](#)—human rights—moved by Senators Ferguson, Murray and Sandy Macdonald

## **Motions defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Allison about nuclear disarmament

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister for Environment and Heritage to table all correspondence between the Minister and the Assistant Treasurer, the Australian Taxation Office, or the Institute of Public Affairs in 2004 and 2005 relating to the issue of deductible gift recipient status of environment groups—no later than 3.30pm on 22 June 2005—moved by Senator Brown

### *Documents tabled and statement by Minister*

The Special Minister of State [tabled](#) further submissions received by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations in response to the Building on Success Community Development Employment Project Discussion Paper 2005 [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [11 May 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Carr. Submissions were also tabled on [14 June 2005](#)]. The Special Minister of State made a statement [indicating](#) that four submissions would not be tabled.

### *Statement by Minister*

The Special Minister of State made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [15 June 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning—no later than 4.30pm on 21 June 2005. The Minister indicated that the documents would be provided on 24 June 2005.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 53 of 2004-05—Performance audit—The Home Ownership Programme: Indigenous Business Australia
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- [A petition](#) was received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Valedictory statements [link to [first speaker](#)]
- Adjournment debate

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