



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 23 June 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 1.24am

*The Senate has now completed the Budget sittings and will commence the [Spring sittings](#) on 9 August 2005*

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005
- Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
- Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005
- Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005 [Private senator's bill]

### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments or requests*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- 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
- Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Bill 2005
- Superannuation Bill 2005
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Bill (No. 1) 2005

*With amendments*

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005–6 Government [amendments](#) agreed to. A message from the House of Representatives reported that the House had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005–17 Opposition amendments agreed to [see Journals [26](#), [50](#), [58](#)]. A message from the House of Representatives reported that the House had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005–1 Government [amendment](#) agreed to. A message from the House of Representatives reported that the House had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005–8 Government [amendments](#) agreed to. A message from the House of Representatives reported that the House had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Bill 2005–2 Government [amendments](#) agreed to. A message from the House of Representatives reported that the House had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Regular Reviews and Other Measures) Bill 2005–14 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

**The following messages from the House of Representatives were received**

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill with [amendments](#). The Senate agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Family Law Amendment Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill with amendments. [The Senate will now consider the message on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment (International Obligations and Other Matters) Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

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

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Bill 2005

### **Notice of motion given to restore a bill to the Notice Paper**

- ❑ Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005—moved by the Minister for Family and Community Services [The bill was negatived at the second reading stage on [15 June 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](#)

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

### **Committees**

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

### **Estimates**

*Additional information tabled*

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2004-05, Budget estimates 2004-05 (Supplementary), Additional estimates 2004-05, and Budget estimates 2005-06

### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier: The adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report for 2003-04 of the Australian Crime Commission
- ❑ Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account Joint Committee—Examination of annual reports 2003-2004
- ❑ Property investment advice: Safe as houses?—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee—[4th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Quality and equity in aged care—Community Affairs References Committee
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—112<sup>th</sup> report—40<sup>th</sup> Parliament report
- ❑ Student income support—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ The cancer journey: Informing choice—The delivery of services and treatment options for persons with cancer—Community Affairs References Committee
- ❑ The real Big Brother: Inquiry into the *Privacy Act 1988*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Indigenous education funding—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—corrigendum
- ❑ Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the President of the Senate on 9 December 2004
- ❑ President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 23 June 2005
- ❑ Property investment advice: Safe as houses?—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—erratum

### New inquiries

- ❑ Industrial agreements, and [related matters](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 31 October 2005
- ❑ Standing orders—[proposed amendments](#)—Procedure Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership [*see* Journals entries [23](#), [32](#), and [71](#)]

### Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Greig to refer the matter of the proposed agreement between Australia and the United States of America not to surrender US nationals to the International Criminal Court

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Monash University](#)—Student association fees—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Northern Territory election](#)—moved by Senator Crossin
- ❑ [Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust](#)—Senator Faulkner appointed a trustee on and from 1 July 2005 [upon the retirement of Senator Cook]

## 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 Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table a copy of the final report, including findings and recommendations, by Mr Mick Palmer into the Ms Cornelia Rau matter—no later than 3 calendar days after the Minister receives the report and if the Senate is not sitting at that time, the report to be presented to the President in accordance with standing order 166—moved by Senator Nettle

### *Statements by Minister*

- ❑ The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [14 June 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning 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. [The Senate](#) took note of the minister's statement.
- ❑ The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [21 June 2005](#)] requiring the tabling of documents concerning the deductible gift recipient status of environment groups—no later than 3.30pm on 22 June 2005. The Minister indicated that the order would not be complied with. [The Senate](#) took note of the minister's statement.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 55 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Workforce planning
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Former Governors-General travel paid by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet—1 January to 30 June 2004 and 1 July to 31 December 2004
- ❑ Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—July to December 2004
- ❑ Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Administration—July to December 2004
- ❑ Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports—25 May to 31 December 2004
- ❑ Russian Federation and the Italian Republic—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 17 April to 1 May 2005
- ❑ [A petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Senator George Campbell informed the Senate of the appointment of Senator Kirk as Opposition Deputy Whip from 1 July 2005
- ❑ The Leader of The Nationals in the Senate made [a statement](#) relating to the retirement of the Leader of The Nationals (Mr Anderson)

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