



Senate Daily Summary

22 June 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.48pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2000-2001
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2000-2001
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2000-2001
Customs Amendment (Alcoholic Beverages) Bill 2000
Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Amendment Bill 2000
Excise Amendment (Alcoholic Beverages) Bill 2000
Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000
International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
National Health Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

The following bills were considered

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000 and a related bill—second reading agreed to
New Business Tax System (Alienation of Personal Services Income) Bill 2000 and two related bills—second reading agreed to

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Financial Management and Accountability Amendment Bill 2000
National Health Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2000
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Youth Allowance Consolidation Bill 1999–The Senate agreed not to press its two requests and agreed to a House of Representatives amendment in place of one of them, and made [4 further requests and one amendment](#) (moved by the Government). [The House of Representatives will now consider the further requests and amendment made by the Senate]

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- 2000-01 Budget Estimates–8 legislation committees tabled 2000-01 Budget Estimates Reports
- A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Bill (No. 2) 2000–Economics Legislation Committee
- Sales Tax (Customs) (Industrial Safety Equipment) Bill 2000 and three related bills–Economics Legislation Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee–5th report of 2000–Defence Science and Technology Organisation rationalisation project, Melbourne

Government response to a committee report tabled

An Agreement to extend the period of operation of the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap–Treaties Joint Committee

Meeting

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–22 June 2000 from 4pm to 10pm

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies–Economics References Committee–29 June 2000

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–26 June 2000 from 8pm

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of intention given (to withdraw notices)

A notice of intention was given to withdraw notices to disallow [3 instruments](#) relating to health insurance

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate which related to:

- ❑ [Grey headed flying fox colony](#), Melbourne Botanical Gardens–Moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Kosovar refugees](#)–Moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Tasmania Bank](#)–Sacking of Mr Alwyn Jackson–Moved by Senator Brown

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Faulkner) in relation to the Greenfields Foundation

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Defence to table Environment Management Plans for Puckapunyal, Mangalore and Longlea (no later than 3pm on 29 June 2000)–Motion moved by Senator Allison

Documents tabled

- ❑ A copy of a letter from the Acting Deputy Electoral Commissioner to the Commissioner of Taxation was tabled (in further response to a motion moved by Senator Faulkner on 19 June 2000 and agreed to by the Senate on 20 June 2000. Documents were also tabled on 21 June 2000.)
- ❑ Documents were tabled relating to the Senate's order for documents relating to the operation of the Albury-based airline ARCAS, which trades as Air Facilities (in response to a motion moved by Senator O'Brien on 5 June 2000 and agreed to by the Senate on 7 June 2000)

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Allison asked the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration for an explanation for an answer not being provided to a question relating to the Charter of Budget Honesty and accrual accounting. An explanation was not provided and the Senate noted the failure to provide either an answer or an explanation.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australia's Health 2000–Seventh biennial report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- ❑ [Clerk's document](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ Government documents: No government documents were tabled

Petition

[A petition was tabled](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Personal explanation](#) by Senator Herron
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports and an Auditor-General's report were further discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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