



Senate Daily Summary

6 September 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.35pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2000

Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 [Private senator's bill]

Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000
[Private senator's bill]

The following bill was considered

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—
committee of the whole consideration continued (2 Opposition amendments
agreed; 3 Democrat amendments pending and 1 Green amendment to 1 of the
3 Democrat amendments pending)

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order (to enable consideration this period of sittings)

Patents Amendment (Innovation Patents) Bill 2000

Trade Practices Amendment (International Liner Cargo Shipping) Bill 2000

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Fuel Quality Standards Bill 2000—Notice of motion given by Senator Ian
Campbell

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

Committees

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Estimates

The Senate agreed to a motion noting the failure of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee to ensure that questions taken on notice by the Department of the Treasury during estimates hearings were responded to in 30 days

Reports tabled

- ❑ *Examination of annual reports for 1998-99*–Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund Joint Committee
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 12 of 2000](#) and [12th report of 2000](#) [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 14 of 2000](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ *Witnesses for the prosecution: Protected witnesses in the National Crime Authority*–National Crime Authority Joint Committee

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Reporting date

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

- ❑ Economic, social and political conditions in East Timor–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–2 November 2000

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–4 October 2000 from 3.30pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2000–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–first sitting day in 2001
- ❑ Air safety–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–last sitting day in December 2000
- ❑ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–12 October 2000

To refer a bill to a committee

- ❑ Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 10 October 2000

To vary the terms of reference for a committee inquiry

- ❑ Child Migration to Australia–Community Affairs References Committee

Delegated legislation

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

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

Notices of motion

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

Ministerial statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence made and tabled a [ministerial statement](#) about a mid-term review of the Natural Heritage Trust and tabled a response to the review by the Natural Heritage Ministerial Board

Statement by the President

The President [made a statement](#) relating to the registration of senators' interests and senators accepting invitations to the Sydney Olympics and tabled [related documents](#)

Orders for the return of documents

Statement by Minister

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts [made a statement](#) about Telstra's inability to table certain contracts between Telstra Corporation and Leighton Holdings and its subsidiaries by the deadline ordered by the Senate on 31 August 2000 (no later than immediately after question time on 6 September 2000). The Minister indicated that the contracts would be tabled on 7 September 2000.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 9 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Implementation of whole-of-government information technology infrastructure consolidation and outsourcing initiative
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Government documents](#) were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of urgency debate about an international system of economic regulation
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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