



Senate Daily Summary

11 May 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.06pm

Privilege

The President reported that a matter of privilege had been raised by the Deputy Chair of the Economics References Committee concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure of in camera proceedings of the committee. The matter was given priority consideration and the Senate agreed to refer it to the Committee of Privileges.

[For full text of the reference agreed to click here](#) 

Budget 2000-01

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The Opposition and Australian Democrats made their responses to the Budget statement and documents

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Fuel Sales Grants Bill 2000

Fuel Sales Grants (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000

Product Grants and Benefits Administration Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) Bill 2000—committee of the whole commenced

The following bills were passed

A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) Bill 2000 [After the House of Representatives had made the Senate requests]

Without amendments

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1999

Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) Bill 1999

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

The following message was reported from the House of Representatives

Youth Allowance Consolidation Bill 1999–The message reported that the House of Representatives had made an amendment in substitution for one Senate request and had not made the second Senate request. [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]


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

Committees

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

[For committee reports click here](#) 

Reports tabled

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Telecommunications (Interception) Legislation Amendment Bill 2000
- ❑ Publications Committee–14th Report (report adopted)
[For full text of the report click here](#) 

Government response to a committee report tabled

Migration Joint Committee–Going for gold: Immigration entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Joint Committee–Discharged: Senator Boswell; Appointed: Senator Sandy Macdonald
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–Senator Mason to replace Senator Chapman on 2 June 2000 for the consideration of the 2000-01 estimates
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee: Senator Hutchins to replace Senator Bolkus for consideration of the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000 and the Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee: Appointed: Senator Calvert
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee: Senator McGauran to replace Senator Sandy Macdonald on 1–2 June 2000 for the consideration of the 2000-01 estimates
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee: Senator O’Brien to replace Senator Forshaw for matters relating to transport and for the consideration of the 2000-01 estimates

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer the Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2000 to the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 5 June 2000

Reporting date

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—State of the environment of Gulf St Vincent—5 June 2000

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) click here



Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion in relation to Loud Shirt Day (to raise community awareness of hearing impairment) on 12 May 2000—Moved by Senator Stott Despoja

For full text of motion click here

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Evans on behalf of Senator Carr) in relation to magnetic resonance imaging services

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

Statement

The Leader of the National Party in the Senate advised the Senate that Senator Tambling had been appointed as Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate (replacing the recently retired Senator Brownhill)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 43 of 1999-2000—Performance audit—Planning and monitoring for cost effective service delivery—staffing and funding arrangements: Centrelink
- Response to a Senate resolution relating to mandatory sentencing laws
For extract from *Journals* click here
- **Clerk's documents** (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
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- **Government documents**
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Petitions

For the full *Journals* extract click here [▶](#)

3 petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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