



Senate Daily Summary

29 August 2000

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.40pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

The following bill was considered

Petroleum Excise Amendment (Measures to Address Evasion) Bill 2000—second reading debate continued [together with debate on the Opposition's amendment expressing a view about the bill's policy]

Notices of motion were given to introduce the following bills

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2000—Senator Ian Campbell

Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000—

Senator Murray [Private senator's bill]

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—Senator Ian Campbell

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- ❑ In camera evidence given in the course of the committee's inquiry into the casualties of Telstra (COT)—Evidence—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Senator McLucas to replace Senator Bolkus for the committee’s inquiry into global warming and the Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Senator Conroy appointed as participating member for the consideration of the provisions of the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000

New inquiries

Motions defeated

- ❑ A motion to establish a Select Committee on Petrol Pricing ***was defeated***
- ❑ A motion to refer several matters relating to petrol pricing to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee ***was defeated***

Meetings

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

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—31 August 2000 from 12.30pm

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

- ❑ Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—5 September 2000 from 5 to 7pm

A notice of motion proposing that a meeting of the Economics References Committee be held during the sitting of the Senate on 30 August 2000 was withdrawn

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees 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—12 October 2000
- ❑ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—4 October 2000

The Senate agreed to the following date for a committee to report:

- ❑ Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—5 October 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Consideration of disallowance motions

The Senate agreed to consider motions to disallow [13 native title determinations](#) moved by Senator Woodley from no later than 5pm on 30 August 2000 and [to put all motions to a vote](#)

Notices of motion withdrawn

[Notices of motion](#) were withdrawn to disallow certain instruments

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate which related to:

- ❑ [Federal Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Service](#)—moved by Senator Allison

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 for Education, Training and Youth Affairs to table certain SES scores of schools that participated in the 1998 SES simulation project (immediately after question time on 30 August 2000)—moved by Senator Carr

Notice of motion given

- ❑ Senator Bishop gave a notice of motion for 31 August 2000 to require the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to table certain contracts between Telstra Corporation and Leighton Holdings and its subsidiaries (no later than immediately after question time on 6 September 2000)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 7 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's use of AUSTRAC data: Australian Taxation Office
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[3 petitions were tabled](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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