



# Senate Daily Summary

10 May 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.28pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 11) 1999

### The following bills were considered

A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) Bill 2000—(18 Government requests agreed to)

A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

Transport and Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 1999—committee of the whole commenced (2 Government amendments agreed to, 1 Part negated, 1 Democrat amendment moved)

### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments*

A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill 2000

*With an amendment*

Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2000—(1 Opposition amendment agreed to)

### The following message was reported from the House of Representatives

Jurisdiction of Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to several Senate amendments and made amendments to three Senate amendments. The Senate agreed to the House of Representatives amendments.

### Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Alert digest No.6 of 2000 and 6th report of 2000

[For full text of the digest click here](#)  and [report click here](#) 

- Selection of Bills Committee—7th report of 2000 (tabled and adopted)

[For full text of the report click here](#) 

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

## Committees

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Bill 2000
- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Reconvened additional estimates hearing concerning the investigations into magnetic resonance imaging scanner installations
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Report No. 375–Annual Report 1998-99
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Executive Minutes on Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee reports 366, 367, 368, 369 and 371

### Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Report on the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and the importation of salmon–to 8 June 2000
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Report on air safety–to 14 September 2000
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Report on the development of the Brisbane Airport Corporation’s Master Plan for the future construction of a western parallel runway–to 29 June 2000

## Procedural change

The Senate agreed to adopt the recommendation contained in the First Procedure Committee Report of 2000 to amend standing order 62. The change will provide greater opportunities to debate reports of the Auditor-General.

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

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notices of motion withdrawn

Notice of motions were withdrawn to disallow certain instruments

[For full details of disallowances withdrawn click here](#) 

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions (without debate) which related to:

- ❑ The late Sir William Keys  
[For full text of motion click here](#) 
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–Refurbishment of the south-west wing of Old Parliament House  
[For full text of motion click here](#) 

## Notices of motion

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

## Statement by the President

The President made a statement relating to the centenary of the first meeting and sittings of the Commonwealth Parliament in Melbourne

## Orders for the return of documents

- ❑ Copies of advice provided relating to the radiology agreement and extension of Medicare rebate for magnetic resonance imaging services were tabled (in response to motions moved by Senator Evans on 21 October 1999 and 10 April 2000)  
[For full details click here ▶](#)
- ❑ Senator Harris gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to table a response to the final report prepared for the Federal Office of Road Safety by Roaduser International Pty Ltd, *Investigation into the specification of heavy trucks and consequent effects on truck dynamics and drivers* (no later than immediately after questions without notice on 5 June 2000)

## Documents

The following documents were also tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 42 of 1999–2000—Magnetic resonance imaging services—Effectiveness and probity of the policy development processes and implementation
- ❑ **Clerk's documents** (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)  
[For the full list of Clerk's documents tabled click here ▶](#)
- ❑ **Government documents**  
[For the full list of government document tabled click here ▶](#)

## Petitions

No petitions were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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