



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 4 December 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 3.38am on Tuesday 5 December 2000

## Privilege

The Leader of the Government in the Senate gave [notice of a motion](#) concerning procedures for determining which of the documents in the possession of the Clerk of the Senate relating to the Federal Court matter *Crane v Gething* are immune from seizure under search warrant by virtue of parliamentary privilege

## Legislation

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

### No bills were introduced in the Senate

#### The following bills were considered

Gene Technology Bill 2000 and two related bills—committee of the whole continued: Gene Technology Bill 2000: 6 Opposition and 3 Government [amendments agreed to](#) (and see [Senate Daily Summary](#), 1 December 2000)  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

#### The following bills were passed

##### *With amendments*

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to these bills]  
Australian Research Council Bill 2000–9 Democrat (1 amended by the Opposition) and 2 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#)  
Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000–4 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#)

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

Fuel Quality Standards Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

## Notices of motion given

*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111*

[to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Roads to Recovery Bill 2000

*To recommit a bill*

Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000–Notice of motion given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

- ❑ *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High Quality Beef Export to the European Union) Order 2000*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ *Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2000*–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ *Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000*–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee
- ❑ *Treaties Joint Committee–37<sup>th</sup> Report–Six treaties tabled on 10 October 2000*

### Meetings

*Public meeting*

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

- ❑ *Electoral Matters Joint Committee–5 December 2000 from 3.30pm to 5pm*

### Reporting date

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

- ❑ *Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000*–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–27 February 2001

### Notices of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ *Finance and Public Administration References Committee–5 December 2000 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm*

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- ❑ *Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000*–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–27 February 2001

*To refer a matter to a committee*

- ❑ *Market supervision framework of Australia's stock exchanges*–Economics References Committee–to report by 30 April 2001

*To refer the following bills to a committee*

- ❑ Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 24 May 2001
- ❑ Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 24 May 2001

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 12) 2000, made under subregulation 84A(2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee

### Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High Quality Beef Export to the European Union) Order 2000, made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* was withdrawn

### Notices of intention given to withdraw notices

Notices of intention to withdraw notices to disallow [5 instruments](#) were given

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Climate change negotiations](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [West Papua](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [World Heritage Committee](#)–moved by Senator Brown

## 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 Greenhouse Challenge Award received by the Joint House Department

## Orders for the return of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate ordered the Leader of the Government in the Senate to table all GST-related public opinion polling commissioned by government departments from 1 January 1999 to 30 September 2000 (no later than immediately after questions without notice on 7 December 2000)–motion moved by Senator Faulkner

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 17 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Administration of the waterfront redundancy scheme: Department of Transport and Regional Services; Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 19–Financial control and administration audit–Management of public sector travel arrangements: Follow-up audit
- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Ireland and China–Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Inter-Parliamentary Union–104<sup>th</sup> Conference–Jakarta and a bilateral visit to Vietnam

## Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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