



Senate Daily Summary

14 August 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.27pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000
Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 2000
Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000
Renewable Energy (Electricity) Bill 2000
Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Environmental Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced ([5 Opposition amendments agreed to](#); [2 Opposition amendments pending](#))

The following bill was defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to numerous bills was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular Arts or parts of Acts would commence

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:

- Economics Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 1999–2000 (volumes 1 and 2)
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 1999–2000 (volumes 1 and 2) and Estimates 2000–2001 (volume 1)

Reports tabled

- Anti-Genocide Bill 1999—Errata and submissions—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Australia and APEC: A review of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Draft Financial Services Reform Bill—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Public hospital funding and options for reform (First report)—Community Affairs References Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ABC on-line (Interim report)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Deportation of non-citizen criminals—Migration Joint Committee
- Riding the waves of change—National Competition Policy Select Committee

New committee

- Lucas Heights replacement reactor proposal—A [motion](#) to establish a select committee proposed by Senator Stott-Despoja was not supported by the Senate. Senator Bolkus has given [notice of a similar proposal](#).

Meetings

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—14 August 2000 from 8pm
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—14 August 2000 from 7.30pm

Reporting date

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

- Global warming and the Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—4 October 2000

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Securities Joint Committee–16 August 2000 from 9am to 1.30pm
- ❑ Economics References Committee–16 August 2000 from 6 to 8pm
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–31 August 2000 from 6pm
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee–17 August 2000 from 3 to 8pm, and 31 August 2000 from 4 to 6.30pm

To hold a private meeting

- ❑ Economics References Committee–16 August 2000 from 3.30 to 5.30pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000–Economics Legislation Committee–30 August 2000
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 in respect of proposed changes to the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–30 August 2000

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate which related to:

- ❑ [East Timor](#)–Role of Australian civilian ships in support of the Interfet force deployment–Moved by Senator McKiernan
- ❑ [Olympic and Paralympic Games](#)–Accessible transport for the disabled–Moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\)](#)–Moved by Senator Harris

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Documents tabled

Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 1999 and 1 January to 30 June 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Department of Veterans' Affairs were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 52 of 1999-2000–Financial statement audit–Control structures as part of the audits of financial statements of major Commonwealth agencies for the period ended 30 June 2000
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 1 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Commonwealth assistance to the agrifood industry
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 2 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Drug evaluation by the Therapeutic Goods Administration: Follow-up audit–Department of Health and Aged Care, Therapeutic Goods Administration
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 3 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Environmental management of Commonwealth land: Follow-up audit–Department of Defence
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 4 of 2000-2001–Audit activity report: January to June 2000–Summary of outcomes
- ❑ Advance to the President of the Senate 1999-2000–Details of amounts determined from the Advance to the President, 1999-2000
- ❑ Business of the Senate–1 January to 30 June 2000
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ A [government document](#) was tabled
- ❑ Questions on notice–Summary for the period 10 November 1998 to 30 June 2000
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 6 June 2000) relating to Fiji and Solomon Islands
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 22 June 2000) relating to the flying fox colony in the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne

Petitions

[10 petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [First speech](#) by Senator Brandis
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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