



Senate Daily Summary

30 August 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.57pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2000

Gene Technology Bill 2000

Gene Technology (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000

Gene Technology (Licence Charges) Bill 2000

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Petroleum Excise Amendment (Measures to Address Evasion) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

*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

- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 11 of 2000](#) [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 13 of 2000](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Collins for the consideration of the Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2000
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committees—Senator Sandy Macdonald appointed as participating member

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Information Technologies Select Committee—5 September 2000 from 6 to 8pm

To extend a reporting deadline

- Gene Technology Bill 2000—Community Affairs References Committee—10 October 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Determinations disallowed

The Senate [agreed to disallow](#) six of the 13 native title determinations on the motion of Senator Woodley. The Senate agreed not to disallow 7 of the determinations.

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given to withdraw a notice to disallow the Defence (Prohibited Words and Letters) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 41 and made under the *Defence Act 1903*

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate *agreed* to motions without debate which related to:

- [East Timor—First anniversary of the United Nations run ballot](#)—Role of the AFP—moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs
- [East Timor—First anniversary of the United Nations run ballot](#)—moved by Senator Bourne
- [Outsourcing of information technology](#)—CSIRO—moved by Senator Stott-Despoja

A motion moved by Senator Stott-Despoja about the [Lucas Heights nuclear reactor](#) was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ The Special Minister of State tabled documents relating to SES scores (in response to a motion moved by Senator Carr on 29 August 2000). Senator Carr [took note of a statement](#) about the order made by the Minister.
- ❑ An indexed list of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Central Office, Department of Transport and Regional Services was tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [A government document](#)

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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