



Senate Daily Summary

28 August 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.30pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Family and Community Services (2000 Budget and Related Measures) Bill 2000

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2000

The following bills were considered

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

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

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

The following bill was passed

Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000 (without amendment) [The bill will now be assented to]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular Acts and provisions of an Act would commence

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

Committees

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Estimates

Notice of motion to note the failure to provide answers to questions taken on notice at estimates hearings

- To note the failure of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee to ensure that questions taken on notice by the Department of the Treasury during estimates hearings were responded to within 30 days

Additional information tabled

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—(Estimates 2000-01—volumes 1 to 3)

Reports tabled

- Appropriations and Staffing Standing Committee—Annual Report for 1999-2000
- Privileges Committee—93rd Report—Possible unauthorised disclosure of in camera proceedings of the Economics References Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[11th Report of 2000](#)—special report on the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Treaties Joint Committee—34th report—Two treaties tabled on 6 June 2000

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following committee membership appointment:

- Lucas Heights reactor Select Committee—Senator Stott-Despoja appointed

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

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

To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Economics References Committee—30 August 2000 from 3.30 to 5.30pm
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—5 September 2000 from 5 to 7pm

To determine a reporting deadline

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

To extend a reporting deadline

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 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

To refer matters to a committee

- [Petrol prices](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by the first sitting day in February 2001

To establish a new committee

- [Select Committee on Petrol Pricing](#)—to report by 4 December 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow [8 instruments](#) was given

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

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

- Senator Carr gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs to table certain SES scores to fully comply with the order agreed to by the Senate on 17 August 2000 (immediately after question time on the next day of sitting) (*see Documents entry below*)

Documents tabled

- Guidelines for calculating scores and other documents were tabled (in partial response to a motion moved by Senator Carr on 17 August 2000)
- Indexed lists 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 Australian Trade Commission and the National Museum of Australia were tabled

Questions on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator O'Brien asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care for an explanation why answers had not been provided to a number of questions on notice (question nos 1108, 1877, 2152, 2270, 2314, 2410, 2428, 2446 and 2465) about various matters. The Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care apologised for the delay and indicated that answers would be provided.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 5 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Fraud control arrangements in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 6 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Fraud control arrangements in the Department of Health and Aged Care
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ No government documents were tabled
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution relating to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference

Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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