

Including Senate Daily Summary and Budget Estimates supplementary hearings for 1 December 2000

This week at a glance

4-7 December 2000

Legislation

The following bills may be considered this week

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill 1998

Australian Research Council Bill 2000

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

Copyright Amendment (Moral Rights) Bill 1999

Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000

Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000

Education Services for Overseas Students (Assurance Fund Contributions) Bill 2000

Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000

Education Services for Overseas Students (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2000

Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2000

Environmental Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Gene Technology Bill 2000

Gene Technology (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000

Gene Technology (Licence Charges) Bill 2000

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

Migration Legislation Amendment (Overseas Students) Bill 2000

National Health Amendment (Improved Monitoring of Entitlements to Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2000

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Bill 2000

Roads to Recovery Bill 2000

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Bill 2000

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2000

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

Trade Practices Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000

Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2000

Workplace Relations Amendment (Australian Workplace Agreements Procedures) Bill 2000
Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2000
Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000
Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2000

Committees

The following reports are due to be tabled this week

4 December 2000

- Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee

5 December 2000

- Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

6 December 2000

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies—Economics References Committee

7 December 2000

- Air safety—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High Quality Beef Export to the European Union) Order 2000—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Economic, social and political conditions in East Timor—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Information Technologies—Select Committee

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Senate Daily Summary

Friday 1 December 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 4.05pm

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—1 Government and 5 Democrat amendments agreed to; 1 Independent amendment postponed and 1 Opposition amendment pending

No bills were passed

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order (to enable consideration this period of sittings)

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.8) 2000

Committees

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

[For committee reports click here](#)

Estimates hearings 2001

The Senate agreed to a [schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and reporting dates for additional estimates 2000-01 and Budget estimates 2001-02

Orders for the return of documents

Statement by Minister

The Assistant Treasurer made a statement concerning the order of the Senate of 4 October 2000 (motion moved by Senator Cook) for the tabling of certain reports and documents from the Australian Taxation Office within 19 sitting days of that date. (see [Senate Daily Summary](#), 4 October 2000). Senator Conroy also made a statement relating to the matter.

Documents

No documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

Adjournment debate

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2000-01 BUDGET ESTIMATES SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS

1 December 2000

Related links

For [general information](#) about the consideration of the 2000-01 Budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc)

Portfolio budget statements and related budget papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at www.budget.gov.au

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Transport and Regional Services

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 2.00pm.

The committee **completed:**

- Transport and Regional Services (outputs 7 and 8)
- supplementary budget estimates consideration**

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Committee proceedings can be viewed on the [Internet](#) and through [Fedcast](#) (see the estimates information document)

Senate Briefs, prepared by the Senate Procedure Office, provide general information about the estimates process:

[No. 4](#): Senate Committees

[No. 5](#): Consideration of Estimates by the Senate's Legislation Committees

[No. 13](#): Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees