



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 7 February 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.47pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Customs Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]  
Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000  
Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000  
Excise Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]

### The following bill was considered

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Opposition [amendment](#) pending)

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

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Bill 2000 [2001]—The Senate completed consideration of amendments made by the House of Representatives. The Senate amended 10 of the amendments and agreed to 7 of the amendments made by the House of Representatives. [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### Notices of motion given

*To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111*  
[to enable consideration this period of sittings]  
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001

### *To introduce a bill*

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to 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

- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 1 of 2001](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 1 of 2001](#) and [1st report of 2001](#) [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Senator Lundy to replace Senator Ray on 23 February 2001 for the consideration of the 2000-01 additional estimates
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Eggleston to replace Senator Watson for the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative

### *Message from the House of Representatives reported*

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr McMullan would replace Mr Melham on the Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee

### Meetings

#### *Public meeting*

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

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–7 February 2001 from 5.30pm

### Notices of motion given

#### *To extend reporting deadlines*

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies–Economics References Committee–8 March 2001
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000–Superannuation and Financial Services Committee–8 March 2001

### *Allocation of department to committees*

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage gave notice of a motion to allocate the new Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to the Finance and Public Administration legislative and general purpose standing committees

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee to disallow the following delegated legislation 15 sitting days after today:

- Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 8), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 295 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*
- Exemption No. CASA EX43/2000, made under regulation 308 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988

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 production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate ordered the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources to table certain [documents](#) relating to determinations of the Federal Court and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (no later than immediately after question time on 26 February 2001)—motion moved by Senator Stott Despoja

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator O'Brien at the request of Senator Evans gave notice of a motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care to table (no later than 4.00 pm on 27 March 2001) documents relating to listing of certain drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and all documents relating to the appointment of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee announced by the Minister on 1 February 2001

### *Document tabled*

A statement of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs was tabled

## Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Cook asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation why an answer was not being provided within 30 days to a question relating to petrol prices. The Assistant Treasurer undertook to make inquiries and provide an answer. The Senate took note of the Minister's response.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 28 of 2000-2001—Audit activity report: July to December 2000—Summary of outcomes
- ❑ Aviation safety—Australian high-capacity regular passenger transport operators compliance with provisions of Civil Aviation Order 48
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

## Petitions

2 petitions were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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