



## Senate Daily Summary

### Wednesday 7 March 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.53pm

#### Privilege

The Senate [authorised](#) senators who are members of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee to appear before the House of Representatives Privileges Committee

#### Legislation

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

#### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Amendment Bill 2001  
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2001  
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998 [No. 2]

#### The following bill was considered

Trade Practices Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Democrat [amendment pending](#))

#### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]  
Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000  
Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000

#### The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

[These bills will now be assented to]  
Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies) Bill 2000 [formerly Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000]—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate

**The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered**

Australian Research Council Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to 7 amendments made and insisted on by the Senate, and had disagreed to 5 amendments made by the Senate in place of certain other amendments. The Senate insisted on 4 amendments, did not insist on 8 other amendments and made 2 replacement amendments [The [House of Representatives](#) will now reconsider the amendments insisted on and the 2 replacement Senate amendments]

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to 4 amendments made and insisted on by the Senate. The Senate insisted on 3 amendments, did not insist on 1 and made a replacement amendment [The [House of Representatives](#) will now reconsider the amendments insisted on and the replacement Senate amendment]

**Notice of motion given to introduce a bill**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001–Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

**Bill assented to**

[Assent](#) to a bill was reported in the Senate

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

**Committees**

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

[For committee reports click here](#) 

**Reports tabled**

- [Reports on annual reports](#)–seven legislation committees tabled reports on annual reports
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No.3 of 2001](#) and [3rd report of 2001](#) [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 3 of 2001](#) adopted [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

**Membership**

The Senate agreed to the following change to a committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Stott Despoja discharged as a substitute member and appointed as a participating member for the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative from close of business on 8 March 2001

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

**Reporting date**

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

- Examination of annual reports–Economics Legislation Committee–8 March 2001

**Documents sought by committee** [*see* Orders for the production of documents below]

**Notice of motion given to hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting**

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—two public meetings on 27 March 2001 and 3 April 2001 from 5.00pm while the Senate is sitting

**Delegated legislation**

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

**Motion defeated**

A [motion moved](#) by Senator Allison about tobacco advertising appearing at the Australian Grand Prix was defeated

**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 representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care to table an explanation and details relating to monitoring and safety control of certain Tasmanian genetically-engineered crops (no later than 9.45am on 8 March 2001)—motion moved by Senator Brown

*Notice of motion given*

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Public Administration to provide to the committee certain documents relating to the committee's inquiry into the Government's information technology outsourcing initiative (by 14 March 2001)

*Statement by Minister*

The Assistant Treasurer [made a statement](#) indicating that the Government would not comply with the Senate order to table certain Segment Accountability reports and other documents on 7 March 2001—[motion moved](#) by Senator Cook

*Documents tabled*

Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Report No. 30 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Management of the Work for the Dole Programme–Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

No petitions were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Urgency debate about the goods and services tax
- Adjournment debate

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