

# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 20 June 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.42pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001

Family and Community Services Legislation (Simplification and Other Measures) Bill 2001

Governor-General Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

### The following bills were considered

Customs Depot Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2001—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (2 Democrat, 1 Government and 24 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#))

Import Processing Charges Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

### The following bills were passed

*Without amendments* [These bills will now be assented to]

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2001

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001

Family and Community Services Legislation (Simplification and Other Measures) Bill 2001

*With amendments*

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Bill 2001 (3 further Democrat [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

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

Trade Practices Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made and insisted on by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

## Committees

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

For committee reports click here [▶](#)

### Estimates

#### *Reports tabled*

- 2001-02 Budget Estimates—[6 legislation committees](#) tabled 2001-02 Budget Estimates Reports

### Reports tabled

- *Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2001 and [7th report of 2001](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 8 of 2001](#) (tabled, and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Economics References Committee—Senator Murray to replace Senator Ridgeway for the inquiry on mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Lundy appointed participating member

### New inquiries

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

### Meetings

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

- Public Works Joint Committee—21 June 2001 from 10.30am to 12pm

### Reporting date

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

- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—28 June 2001

### Notices of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—25 June 2001 from 8pm to 10.30pm

*To hold a special meeting*

- Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee—27 June 2001 from 8am to 9.30am

*To establish a select committee*

- Impacts of the New Tax System Select Committee—[The social](#) and economic impacts of the new tax system and related matters—to report by 31 December 2001

*To refer matters to committees*

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—The development and implementation of options for methods of appointment to the board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that would enhance public confidence in the independence and representativeness of the ABC as the national broadcaster—to report by 25 September 2001
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—[The role of Australian Search and Rescue](#) in the search for the fishing boat the *Margaret J* and its crew—to report by 30 August 2001

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Education of gifted and talented children—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—27 September 2001
- Higher education—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—20 September 2001

### Delegated legislation

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

#### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Sanctions Amendment Principles 2001 (No. 1), made under subsection 96-1(1) of the *Aged Care Act 1997*—on the next day of sitting—by Senator Allison

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

### Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about comments made by the head of the Australian Broadcasting Authority—[moved by](#) Senator Brown

### Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Evans about the provision of aged care 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](#) all Ministers to table letters of advice that lists of certain contracts had been placed on the Internet (to occur by the tenth day of each spring and autumn sittings)—motion moved by Senator Murray

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

## Petitions

[3 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 provision of aged care (*see* Motion defeated above)
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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