



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 23 August 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.49pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001
Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001
Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2001

The following bill was considered

International Maritime Conventions Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—second reading debate completed

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Corporations (Compensation Arrangements Levies) Bill 2001
Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2001
Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment Bill 2001
Finance and Administration Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Bill 2001
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2001 [The Senate agreed to a [second reading amendment](#) on a matter of policy moved by the Opposition and communicated this by message to the House of Representatives]

With amendments

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
Financial Sector (Collection of Data—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2001—1 Government [amendment](#) was agreed to

Financial Services Reform Bill 2001–6 Government (1 amended by Opposition), 13 Opposition, 6 Democrat (2 amendments amended by 2 Opposition) [amendments](#) agreed to, and 2 divisions omitted

Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001–22 Government [amendments](#) agreed to and 1 item omitted

With a request

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Account Bill 2001–A message was reported that the House of Representatives had made the [amendment requested](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Report No. 382–Review of Auditor-General’s reports 1999-2000: Fourth quarter–Tactical fighter operations; Magnetic resonance imaging services; High wealth individuals taskforce
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Report No. 384–Review of Coastwatch
- Public Works Joint Committee–8th report of 2001–Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 3, Townsville

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Proposals for changes to the welfare system*–Community Affairs References Committee
- ‘Shadow ledgers’ and the provision of bank statements to customers*–Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- The heat is on: Australia’s greenhouse future–Global warming and the Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 2000*–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs References Committee–Senator Crowley appointed as a participating member
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator McLucas discharged and appointed as a participating member; Senator Lundy appointed

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Disposal of Defence properties–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–27 September 2001
- Examination of developments in contemporary Japan and the implications for Australia–Second report–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–27 September 2001

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2001–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–18 September 2001

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges–Economics References Committee–30 August 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 by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Coonan) to disallow the Air Navigation (Essendon Airport) Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 125 and made under the *Air Navigation Act 1920*–15 sitting days after 23 August 2001

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion (without debate) about the broadcasting of [women's sport](#) by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation–moved by Senator Lees and Lundy. The Minister for Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts made a [statement](#) about the motion.

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Conroy) about a social charter for the Australian banking industry

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 Leader of the Government in the Senate to table the report prepared by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority on water quality targets in the catchments feeding into the Great Barrier Reef (no later than immediately after questions without notice on the next day of sitting)–motion moved by Senator Bolkus

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Justice and Customs [made a statement](#) about the order of the Senate of 21 August 2001 for the production of documents concerning Black Spot Project reference number NOO752 indicating that the order would not be complied with. The Senate agreed to [take note](#) of the statement.

Document tabled

A statement of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was tabled

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Harris asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation why an answer was not provided to a question on notice relating to the Australian Taxation Office. The Senate took note of the [Minister's undertaking](#) to provide an answer.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Presiding Officers and Clerk's Conference—31st, Norfolk Island, 31 July to 4 August 2000

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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