

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 23 May 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.52pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Compensation (Japanese Internment) Bill 2001
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (One-off Payment to the Aged) Bill 2001
Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Assistance for Older Australians) Bill 2001
Taxation Laws Amendment (Changes for Senior Australians) Bill 2001

The following bill was considered

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2001—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced ([1 Democrat amendment](#) pending)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001—(21 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#), 6 Democrat (3 amended by 6 Opposition) amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Bill 2001—Notice of motion given by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- *A new research reactor?*—Select Committee for an inquiry into the contract for a new reactor at Lucas Heights
- Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2001—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2001 and two related bills—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Interactive Gambling Bill 2001—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 6 of 2001 and [6th report](#) of 2001 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 7 of 2001](#) (tabled, amended and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Greig discharged as a participating member
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Greig to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the Government's information technology outsourcing initiative

New inquiries

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

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—24 May 2001 from 4.30pm

Reporting dates

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

- Charter of Public Honesty Bill 2000 and three related bills—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—27 September 2001
- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—21 June 2001
- Sale of the Christmas Island resort—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—9 August 2001
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—Initial terms of reference—27 September 2001

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Disposal of Defence properties–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–28 June 2001
- Examination of developments in contemporary Japan and the implications for Australia–Second report–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–28 June 2001
- Framework for the market supervision of Australia’s stock exchanges–Economics References Committee–27 June 2001
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–21 June 2001

To refer a bill and other matters to a committee

- Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001, with particular reference to the adequacy of the guidelines for distribution of dairy adjustment funds to meet the particular needs of dairy farm lessors and other dairy farmers–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 18 June 2001

To refer a bill to a committee

- Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by 7 August 2001

Delegated legislation

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

Motion defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about the Otway Ranges 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 Treasurer to table all documents relating to certain representations made since March 1996 by, or on behalf of, HIH Insurance Pty Ltd and/or all associated companies (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 24 May 2001)–motion moved by Senator Conroy

Notice of motion given

Senator Carr gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business to table various files about workplace relations at a meat processing firm (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 18 June 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Report No. 37 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–The use of audit in compliance management of individual taxpayers: Australian Taxation Office
- [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

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