



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 24 September 2001

The Senate met from 12.30pm 24 September until 12.16am 25 September

Hours of meeting

The Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet gave a notice of motion to enable the Senate to meet until midnight on 25 September 2001

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Defence Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Intelligence Services Bill 2001

Intelligence Services (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills:

Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2001

Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Bill 2001

Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 1998 [2001]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Bill 2001—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Exemptions from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order:

Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2001

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001

Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Bill 2001

Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

Bill to proceed before the Legal and Constitutional References Committee report is tabled

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

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

- ❑ *A model for a new army: Community comments on the From Phantom to Force parliamentary report into the army*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ *Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—Third report: Auditing of superannuation funds*—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee
- ❑ *Who's afraid of the WTO? Australia and the World Trade Organisation—Treaties* (Joint Committee)—42nd report

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:

- ❑ Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services—Aspects of the general insurance industry in Australia—to report by the last day of sitting in March 2002. *This reference was later withdrawn.*
- ❑ Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services—Current rules governing early access to superannuation benefits—to report by 31 January 2002

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—25 September 2001, from 3:30pm

Reporting date

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

- ❑ Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—26 September 2001

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—25 September 2001, from 6.30pm

To extend a reporting deadline

- Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—the last sitting day in March 2002

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Commonwealth Games—Melbourne](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- [Radioactive waste—disposal](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Motions defeated

An [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about the Australian Government's role in having the United Nations coordinate the global response to the terrorist attacks in the United States was defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Allison about the rejection of a petition of mercy for Heather Osland and the protection of women and children from domestic violence 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](#) that there be laid on the table a report by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, with particular reference to tobacco and the issue of public health (no later than 30 April 2002)—motion moved by Senator Allison

Statement by Minister

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage [made a statement](#) about the order of the Senate of 20 September 2001 concerning Ansett airlines indicating the government will comply with the order of the Senate at a later date. The Senate [took note](#) of the statement.

Document tabled

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage tabled a statement about the order of the Senate of 19 September 2001 relating to Ansett airlines indicating the government will comply with the order of the Senate at a later date

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Indonesia and South Korea—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 1 to 14 July 2001
- Parliamentary zone—proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the design and content of slivers for Reconciliation Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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