



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 26 September 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am 26 September until 12.35am 27 September

Privilege

The Senate agreed to endorse the findings of the [100th report](#) of the Privileges Committee relating to the unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee, and a contempt of the Senate

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Abolition of Compulsory Age Retirement (Statutory Officeholders) Bill 2001
Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Bill 2001
Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Imposition) Bill 2001
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2001
Cybercrime Bill 2001
Fuel Legislation Amendment (Grant and Rebate Schemes) Bill 2001
Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2001
Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment Bill 2001
Olympic Insignia Protection Amendment Bill 2001
Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2001
Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001
Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Bill 2001
Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Imposition) Bill 2001
Fuel Legislation Amendment (Grant and Rebate Schemes) Bill 2001
New Business Tax System (Debt and Equity) Bill 2001
New Business Tax System (Thin Capitalisation) Bill 2001

Royal Commissions and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001
Taxation Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2001

The following bill was agreed to subject to a request for an amendment
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2)
2001—committee of the whole completed (1 Opposition [request for an amendment](#)
agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the request made by the Senate]

Urgent bills passed

The Senate agreed to apply a guillotine to the following bills, which were passed:

With amendments

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001—(3 Government [amendments](#)
[agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
Migration Legislation Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 1998 [2001]—
(17 Government [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider this
bill as amended]

Without amendments [These bills will now be assented to]

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. 5) 2001
Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the
amendments made by the Senate to the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill
(No. 1) 2001 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable
consideration this period of sittings]
[20 bills](#) were exempted from the cut-off order (the Regional Forest Agreements Bill
2001 was *not* exempted)

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

- *Commonwealth contracts: A new framework for accountability*—Inquiry into the
mechanism for providing accountability to the Senate in relation to Government
contracts—Final report—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- *Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No.6) 2001*—Legal and Constitutional
References Committee
- *Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment Bill 2001*—Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport Legislation Committee

- Privileges Committee–101st Report (report adopted and a reply from persons adversely commented on in the Senate was included in [Hansard](#))
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Report No. 386–*Review of the Auditor-General Act 1997*
- Public Works Joint Committee–14th report of 2001–*Redevelopment of residential areas at Enoggera, Queensland*
- *Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2001*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 14](#) of 2001 and [13th report](#) of 2001 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- *Second interim report of the section 206(d) inquiry–Indigenous land use agreements*–Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 15](#) of 2001 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

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

Reporting dates

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

- Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–24 October 2001
- Education of gifted and talented children–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee–22 October 2001

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–27 September 2001 from 10am

To extend reporting deadlines

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia’s stock exchanges–Economics References Committee–last day of the 39th Parliament
- Recruitment and retention of Australian Defence Forces personnel–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–last day of the 39th Parliament

To refer matters to a committee

- Adequacy of the tax system and related policy to address the retirement income and aged and health care needs of Australians–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–to report by the first sitting day in August 2002
- [Aspects of](#) the general insurance industry in Australia–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–to report by the last sitting day in March 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Regulation disallowed

The Senate *agreed to disallow* the Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 4), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 157 and made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Space Activities Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 186 and made under the *Space Activities Act 1998*

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Aboriginal death in custody](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—the design and content of slivers for Reconciliation Place

Notices of motion

[For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here](#) 

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Crossin asked the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care for an explanation why an answer was not provided to a question on notice relating to Tracy Aged Care in Darwin. The Minister provided an [explanation](#).

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

- Senator George Campbell gave a [notice of motion](#) to vary the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001 relating to the production of documents concerning departmental and agency contracts

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Parliamentary zone—proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the artworks and finishes to Speakers Square at Commonwealth Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.

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
- Adjournment debate

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