



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 29 March 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.36pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Amendment Bill 2001

Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001

The following bills were considered

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2000-2001—second reading debate continued

Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2000-2001—second reading debate continued

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2000-2001—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed without amendment

Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

Proclamation

[A proclamation](#) by the Governor-General was tabled announcing that he had proclaimed certain provisions of the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000* to come into effect on 23 March 2001

See the Committees section for details of reports relating to legislation

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had made an amendment to the bill [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000 [2001]–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000 [2001]–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To refer a bill to a committee

Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–to report by 23 May 2001–notice of motion given by Senator Brown

To give precedence to a bill

Anti-Genocide Bill 1999–Senator Greig gave notice that contingent on the Senate commencing business on 3 April 2001 he would move that the Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 take precedence over government business until consideration of the bill has concluded

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

- ❑ *Aspects of the regulation of proprietary companies*–Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- ❑ *Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies*–Economics References Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–23rd [Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Report on annual reports–Economics Legislation Committee

Government responses

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Education and Training Programs for Indigenous Australians–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee
- ❑ Three treaties tabled on 7 March 2000–Treaties Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics Legislation and References Committees–Senator Brandis appointed as participating member
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Brandis appointed as participating member
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees–Senator Brandis appointed as participating member
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–
- ❑ Senator Brandis appointed as participating member
- ❑ for the consideration of the provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2000 and 2 related bills–
- ❑ Senator Murray appointed as participating member
- ❑ Senator Lundy to replace Senator McKiernan
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee–Senator Brandis appointed as participating member

Meetings

Public meetings

The Senate authorised the Electoral Matters Joint Committee to hold two public meetings on 27 March 2001 and 3 April 2001 from 5.00pm while the Senate is sitting

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 12) 200, made under subregulation 84A(2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Australian Women in Agriculture](#)–moved by Senator Woodley
- ❑ [Biodiesel fuel](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)–moved by Senator Bourne
- ❑ [South Africa–Health care](#)–moved by Senator Cook

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Evans gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care to table documents containing a full list of aged care places and grants allocated for the year 2000 (no later than 3.00pm on 27 March 2001)

Documents tabled

- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled a document relating to monitoring and safety control of certain Tasmanian genetically-engineered crops in response to a motion moved by Senator Brown on 7 March 2001
- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were 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 further discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Estimates 2000-01 (vol. 7)

Reports tabled

- 2000-01 Additional Estimates—Economics Legislation Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—[Report No. 380](#)
- Public Works Joint Committee—3rd Report of 2001—64th general report [2000]

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Draft Financial Services Reform Bill—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Funding Australia's defence—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Involvement of the National Crime Authority in controlled operations—National Crime Authority Joint Committee

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—2 April 2001 from 7.30pm
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee—2 April 2001 from 8.00pm

Reporting dates

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

- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—last sitting day in June 2001
- Inquiry into a contract for a new reactor at Lucas Heights—Select Committee—24 May 2001

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Economics References Committee—3 April 2001 from 4 to 6.00pm

Delegated legislation

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Hand gun ownership](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Jabiluka—Rehabilitation of site](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Microcredit aid programs](#)—moved by Senator Brown

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Conroy) about a social charter for banks

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet tabled documents about the appointment of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (in response to a motion moved by Senator Evans on 26 February 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 31 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Administration of consular services: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 8 March 2001) about South African health care

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