

# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 12 November 2002

The Senate met from 12:30pm until 11:30pm

## Sitting days 2003

The Senate agreed to [days of meeting](#) for 2003

## Legislation

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

### No bills were introduced in the Senate

#### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (2 Independent amendments and 13 Government amendments [to be determined](#))
- ❑ Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002—second reading agreed to [The Senate agreed to two [second reading amendments](#) on matters of policy moved by the Australian Democrats]

### No bills were passed

#### Bills restored

[A motion](#) (moved by Senator Brown) to restore various bills to the *Notice Paper* was agreed to [to enable consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament]

#### Notice of motion given

*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002

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## Delegated legislation

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

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here ▶](#)

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## Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 3 and 4) and documents presented to the committee

## Reports tabled

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002–Superannuation Select Committee
- Timor Sea Treaty–49<sup>th</sup> Report–Treaties Joint Committee

## Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Moore replace Senator Hutchins on the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for the committee's inquiry into the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002

## Meetings

*Public meetings*

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–12 and 14 November 2002 from 4 pm–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–15 November 2002 from 9.30am to 4.25pm–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–15 November 2002 from 9.30am to 4.25pm–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into materiel acquisition and management in Defence
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to hold meetings on 12 to 14 November, at [various times](#), to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 and related matters

### *Private meetings*

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—at various times not specified

### **Reporting dates**

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

- Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—last sitting day in June 2003
- Materiel acquisition and management in Defence—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—last sitting day in March 2003
- Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—18 November 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for Victorian Workers) Bill 2002—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—15 November 2002

### **Notices of motion given**

*To change the standing orders relating to a committee*

The Deputy President gave notice of a motion to amend standing order 21 relating to the [House Committee](#)

*To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—14 November 2002 from 3.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—13 November 2002 from 4pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- Australian meat industry and export quotas—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—14 November 2002

## **Motion defeated**

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Allison concerning Gembrook Primary School, Victoria, and funds for capital works in government schools, 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 agreed to seek advice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on its progress in responding to the [Senate order](#) of 27 June 2002 concerning tobacco and health, and its expected date of reporting to the Senate—moved by Senator Allison

### *Notices of motion given*

- ❑ To require that the figures ‘in terms of the increasing capability that’s necessary to meet this much more complex strategic environment’ and related documentation provided to the Government by Senator Hill and referred to by him on Channel 10’s *Meet the Press* program on 10 November 2002 be tabled (no later than noon on 14 November 2002)—by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ To require that all [documents](#) associated with the formation, funding and membership of the Foundation for a Sustainable Minerals Industry be tabled (no later than 2pm on 5 December 2002)—by Senator Bartlett

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australian National Audit Office—Letter from the Auditor-General concerning ANAO’s proposal to claim parliamentary privilege over certain documents
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#)[disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Moscow hostage crisis—[Letter](#) from the Russian Ambassador forwarding an address of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal for the installation of flagpoles, signage and concrete bollards at Reconciliation Place, and sun shading structures at Commonwealth Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval for the proposed works.

## Petitions

[5 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President tabled the certificate of the choice by the Parliament of Queensland of Mr Santo Santoro to fill a Senate vacancy
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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