



*Including 2001-02 additional estimates hearings for 13 March 2002*

## Senate Daily Summary Wednesday 13 March 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.49pm

### Legislation

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

#### **The following bills were introduced in the Senate**

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment Bill 2002  
Coal Industry Repeal (Validation of Proclamation) Bill 2002  
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Further Simplification of International Payments) Bill 2002  
Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002  
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Amendment Bill 2002  
Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002  
Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002  
[Private senator's bill]  
Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002  
Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Bill 2002  
Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2002  
Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Incentives) Bill 2002  
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 1) 2002

#### **The following bills were considered**

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued  
(1 Australian Green [amendment](#) to be determined)

#### **No bills were passed**

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

## Committees

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

For committee reports click here [▢](#)

### Estimates

#### *Reports tabled*

- 2001-02 Additional Estimates—[Four legislation committees](#) tabled 2001-02 Additional Estimates Reports

### Reports tabled

- Matters referred to committee in previous parliament—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [see new inquiries below]
- Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2002—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2002—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—Alert Digest No. 2 of 2002 and 2nd report of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 1](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees] (see cross reference under new inquiries)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

### Terms of reference for a committee inquiry varied

[The Senate agreed](#) to amend the terms of reference appointing the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (the reference [was agreed to](#) by the Senate on 13 February 2002)

### New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- [Employment](#), Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Education of students with disabilities and related matters—last sitting day in October 2002
- [Foreign Affairs](#), Defence and Trade References Committee—Department of Defence material acquisition and management framework—to report by 2 December 2002
- [Foreign Affairs](#), Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific—2 December 2002
- [Rural and Regional](#) Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority—last sitting day in June 2002 [re-adopted from the previous parliament]
- [Rural and Regional](#) Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—last sitting day in June 2002 [re-adopted from the previous parliament]
- [Rural and Regional](#) Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Administration of AuSAR in relation to the search for the Margaret J—last sitting day in June 2002 [re-adopted from the previous parliament]

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

### Notice of motion given

*To extend a reporting deadline*

- ❑ Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—10 April 2002

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion (without debate) about [Tibet](#)—moved by Senator Bourne

## Motion defeated

The Senate defeated a motion (without debate) about [Tobacco advertising—Australian Grand Prix](#)—moved by Senator Bourne

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

*Documents tabled*

- ❑ A letter of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as amended 27 September 2001*) for the [Employment and Workplace Relations](#) portfolio
- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 36 of 2001-2002—Information support services—Benchmarking implementation and production costs of financial management information systems
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ France—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation , 1 to 4 October 2001

## Petitions

No petitions were received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Statements by the Deputy President relating to statements by a senator about a [High Court Judge](#), and [unparliamentary language](#)
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about the failure of the bilateral agreement between Queensland and the Commonwealth in relation to the National Action Plan for salinity to address the matter of land clearing in Queensland
- ❑ [First speech](#)—Senator Richard Colbeck
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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## 2001-02 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Wednesday 13 March 2002

### Related links

For [general information](#) about the consideration of the 2001-02 Additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference, hearing schedules etc)

**Portfolio Additional estimates statements and related budget papers** can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au)

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Transport and Regional Services

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 7.50pm until 9.30pm.

The committee **completed:**

- Transport and Regional Services (Airservices Australia)
- additional estimates consideration**

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