

# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 15 October 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.39pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002  
Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2002  
Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002  
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002  
Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002  
Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Bill 2002  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002

### The following bill was considered

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate begun

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) Bill 2002  
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002  
Torres Strait Fisheries Amendment Bill 2002

### Notices of motion given

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

Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2002  
Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate



## Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular provisions of Acts would commence

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

## Delegated legislation

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

## Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 87 and made under the *Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act 1999*

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*

Additional information received by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee relating to Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 and 2) was tabled

## Reports tabled

- ❑ *Enterprising Australia: Planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment—A short report on the proceedings of the inquiry*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Privileges Committee—108<sup>th</sup> report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr John Hyde Page) (report adopted and a reply from a person adversely commented on in the Senate was included in [Hansard](#))

## Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Senator Allison to replace Senator Bartlett for the committee's inquiries into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002 and the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Senator McGauran to replace Senator Scullion for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations on 18 October 2002

### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Economics Legislation Committee–17 October 2002 from 4.30pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and a related bill
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–17 October 2002 from 11.30am to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into small business employment
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–17 October 2002 from 4pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002

### **Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion to refer certain matters relating to the Government’s policy relating to asylum seekers and refugees to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee was withdrawn

## **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Australian Sports Commission Media Awards](#)–moved by Senator Lundy (without debate)
- [World Rural Women’s Day](#)–moved by Senator Troeth (after debate).

## **Notices of motion**

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

## **Orders for the production of documents**

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator O’Brien gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of various documents and records relating to contacts between the Australian Institute of Petroleum, Manildra, and the Australian Biofuels Association and Government ministers, advisers and officials, relating to the consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy, together with all analysis by government departments concerning the budgetary impact of the decision to impose excise on ethanol and grant a 12-month ethanol production subsidy (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on Monday 21 October 2002)

### *Notice of motion withdrawn*

Senator Bartlett withdrew a motion relating to an order for the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment to produce documents relating regulation 18 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983

### *Documents tabled*

- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002 for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs were tabled (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, amended 3 December 1998*)
- ❑ Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice for the Employment and Workplace Relations [portfolio](#) and the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs [portfolio](#) (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, amended 27 September 2001*)
- ❑ Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report to the Senate on prices paid to suppliers by retailers in the Australian grocery industry (*order agreed to 8 February 2001*)

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Report Nos 9 to 11](#) of 2002-03
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Government documents—[see *Journals* items [2](#) and [13](#)]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal for the construction of a roof extension to the gardeners' compound to protect the new vehicle washdown bay from weather. A notice of motion was given seeking approval for the proposed works
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution (agreed to 20 August 2002) about National Aboriginal and Islanders Children's Day—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution (agreed to 23 September 2002) about Ms Lesley McCulloch—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Embassy of Indonesia
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution (agreed to 29 August 2002) about the 11 September terrorists attacks on USA—Letter to the President of the Senate from the United States Ambassador. The Senate noted the document.

## Petitions

[6 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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