



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 19 August 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 10.16pm

New senators sworn in

Certificates of election for [senators](#) elected on 10 November 2001 to serve in the Senate from 1 July 2002 were tabled. The senators made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance.

Election of officers

[Senator Calvert](#) was proposed and elected President of the Senate. [Senator Hogg](#) was elected as Deputy President and Chair of Committees.

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills

Marriage Amendment Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (3 Democrat [amendments](#) to be determined)
Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bill was defeated at the third reading

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002

No bills were passed

Bills assented to

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

Proclamations

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

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

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee relating to the additional estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volume 2 and attachments and volume 3)

Reports tabled

The following reports have been presented since the last sitting of the Senate:

- *Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002*—Government Amendments—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- *Taxation treatment of overseas superannuation transfers*—Superannuation Select Committee

Government responses to committee reports

The following government responses to committee reports have been presented since the last sitting of the Senate:

- *Air safety and cabin air quality in the BAe 146 aircraft*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- *Education of gifted children*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee

Membership

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

Meetings

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

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—20 August 2002 from 4.30pm to 8.00pm

Notices of motion given

To establish a new select committee

- Possible Support by Australia of a United States Invasion of Iraq—Select Committee—to report by 1 December 2002

To hold a private deliberative meeting with members of a State parliamentary committee

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—21 August 2002 from 8.00am to 9.30am, with members of the Regulation Review Committee of the New South Wales Parliament in attendance

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–22 August 2002
- ❑ Certain Maritime Incident–Select Committee–25 September 2002
- ❑ Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002–Economics Legislation Committee–27 August 2002

Delegated legislation

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

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 323 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the regulations.

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [mobile phone towers](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett

Motion defeated

An [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Stott Despoja on the need for the Australian Government to rule out committing Australia to supporting a first strike against Iraq unless there is evidence of an imminent attack by Iraq on another nation was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Ministerial statement

The Leader of the Government in the Senate informed the Senate of changes to the [Howard Ministry](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ Statement of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period January to 30 June 2002 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the International Air Services Commission–presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- ❑ Copies of material held by Geoscience Australia relating to research or exploration proposals in the North East region (*order agreed to 26 June 2002*). The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [a statement](#) relating to the order.
- ❑ Greenhouse gas emissions (*order agreed to 26 June 2002*)–[various documents](#)–presented since the last sitting of the Senate

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Reports [Nos 64 to 67](#) of 2001-2002 and [Nos 1 to 3](#) of 2002-2003–presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report [No. 4](#) of 2002-2003–Audit activity report: January to June 2002: Summary of outcomes
- ❑ Business of the Senate: 1 January to 30 June 2002
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ *Odgers' Australian Senate Practice*–Supplement to the 10th edition–updates to 30 June 2002
- ❑ Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, 33rd, Brisbane, 1 to 4 July 2002–Report by the President of the Senate–presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Questions on notice summary: 12 February to 30 June 2002

Petitions

[6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President advised the Senate of the death of Mr John Brooke Howse MP (Calare, New South Wales)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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