

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 19 September 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.12pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Capital Territory Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Kyoto Protocol (Ratification) Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Marriage Amendment Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued ([3 Democrat amendments](#) to be determined)
- ❑ Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill—second reading debate begun [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Bill 2002
- ❑ Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Bill 2002

With amendments

- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—(3 items omitted) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]
- ❑ Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002 [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Corporate Governance) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Conroy [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Credit Card Reform) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Conroy [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Public Liability Insurance) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Conroy [Private senator's bill]



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 [▶](#)

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 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee relating to Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 3 to 5) was tabled

Report tabled

- ❑ *Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002*—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ *Australia's relations with the Middle East*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ *Order in the law: Management arrangements and adequacy of funding of the Australian Federal Police and the National Crime Authority*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- ❑ *Privileges and immunities of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea; and the treaties tabled on 27 February and 6 March 2001*—39th report—Treaties Joint Committee
- ❑ *Review of the Auditor-General Act 1997*—386th report—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- ❑ *Review of Coastwatch*—384th report—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ *Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission*—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—24 October 2002
- ❑ *Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002*—Superannuation Select Committee—16 October 2002

New inquiry

Motion defeated

[A motion](#) to refer Australia's potential role in a possible military attack against Iraq to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee *was defeated*

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)—construction of external waste enclosures in Commonwealth Place
- ❑ [Sexuality discrimination legislation](#)—Western Australia—moved by Senator Greig

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Mackay about the Estens inquiry into regional telecommunications services

Motions defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about the ABC's website in China was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Allison gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table certain documents about the Honeymoon trial mine (no later than 5pm on 25 September 2002)

Documents tabled

- ❑ Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled (*order agreed to 20 June 2001 and amended 27 September 2001*)
- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, 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

[3 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 discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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