



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 21 August 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.17pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

With amendments

Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—(2 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#) and 4 items omitted) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2002 and [8th report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 6 of 2002](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Tchen discharged, Senator Herron appointed
- Privileges Committee—Senator Eggleston discharged, Senator Reid appointed

New inquiries

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

Meetings

Public meeting

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

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–
22 August 2002 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Private meeting

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

- Legal and Constitutional References Committee–22 August 2002 from 3.30pm to 4.45pm

Notices of motion given to extend reporting deadlines

- Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–19 September 2002
- Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–19 September 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given to withdraw a notice to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2) as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 306 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*–by Senator Bartlett

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Carriage of Wheelchairs–Qantas](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- [Maralinga–disposal of radioactive material](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- [Military action against Iraq](#)–moved by Senators Faulkner and Stott Despoja
- [National Landcare Week](#)–moved by Senator O'Brien

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the tabling of certain documents relating to financial information and forward financial projections and actuals, routinely prepared by the Department of Education, Science and Training pursuant to ministerial determination under section 14 of the *Higher Education Funding Act 1998*, for the higher education institutions listed on Table A, section 4, of the Act (as amended) (no later than the conclusion of question time on 26 August 2002)

Statement

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 20 August 2002 for the production of documents concerning the voyage of the *Maysora*

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ First speeches—Senators [Nettle](#), [Wong](#) and [Marshall](#)
- ❑ The Senate agreed that the address-in-reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President of the Senate on 28 August 2002
- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) relating to rules for questions contained in standing order 73. The Senate took note of the statement.
- ❑ [Matter of public importance](#) discussion about the failure of the Government to protect Australian citizens from high profile corporate collapses
- ❑ Senator Stott Despoja [announced](#) her resignation as Leader of the Australian Democrats
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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