

# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 21 October 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.18pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Initiatives and Other Measures) Bill 2002
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002
- ❑ Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance–Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002
- ❑ Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2] [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No. 2] [Private senator's bill]

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002—second reading agreed to [The Senate agreed to a second reading [amendment](#) moved by the Opposition and amended by the Australian Greens, expressing a view about the bill's policy, and referring it and certain related matters to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 3 December 2002]
- ❑ Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002—committee of the whole begun

### Message from the House of Representatives

Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had not made the [amendment requested](#) by the Senate. The Senate resolved to press the request. [The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's request again]



**The following bill was passed**

*Without amendments*

[This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002

**Notices of motion given**

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

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002
- ❑ Excise Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Initiatives and Other Measures) Bill 2002
- ❑ Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002
- ❑ Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

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 motion given**

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 5), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 209 and made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*—by Senators Bartlett and McLucas—on 22 October 2002

**Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion to disallow regulations 65.060 and 65.270 in item [1] of Schedule 1 of the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 167 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* was withdrawn

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 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee relating to Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 and 2) was tabled

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Migration zone excision: An examination of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002 and related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Striking the right balance: Draft amendment 39, National Capital Plan—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—48<sup>th</sup> report
- ❑ Visit to Australian forces deployed to the international coalition against terrorism: Parliament's watching brief on the war on terrorism—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

### Membership

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

### New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 and [related matters](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 3 December 2002
- ❑ Current rural industry-based water resource usage and [related matters](#)—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in 2003
- ❑ The extent, nature and financial cost of poverty and inequality in Australia, poverty amongst working Australians, child poverty in Australia, poverty in Australian communities and regions, and [related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the last sitting day of June 2003

### Notices of motion given

#### *To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—22 October 2002 from 7.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Australian meat industry and export quotas–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–13 November 2002
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2000 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–23 October 2002
- ❑ Urban water management–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–19 November 2002

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [Carers Week](#)–moved by Senator Allison

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

*Statement by Minister*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 16 October 2002 for the production of documents concerning an ethanol excise and production subsidy and indicated the order would be complied with as soon as possible. Senator O'Brien [responded](#) to the statement. The Senate agreed to take note of the statement.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 12 of 2002–03–Performance audit–Management of the Innovation Investment Fund Program–Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources [and] Industry Research and Development Board
- ❑ Bali terrorist attacks–[Letters](#) of condolence to the President from various embassies and legislatures
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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