

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 23 October 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.07pm

Memorial service

The Senate agreed that on Thursday 24 October the Senate would adjourn immediately after notices of motion to enable senators to attend a memorial service for the victims of terrorist attacks in Bali

Hours and days of meeting

The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the days and hours of meeting of the Senate for the next sitting period, 11–15 November

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

The following bills were introduced, considered and passed *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Crimes Amendment Bill 2002
- Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued [the Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]



The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Budget Initiatives and Other Measures) Bill 2002
- ❑ Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

With amendments

- ❑ Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002—4 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [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
- ❑ Insurance and Aviation Liability Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Bill assented to

Assent to the *Higher Education Funding Amendment Act 2002* (Act No. 87, 2002) was reported in the Senate

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](#) 

Regulations disallowed

The Senate **agreed 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*

Standards approved

The Senate **approved** the Disability Discrimination Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002, made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act* and tabled on 20 August 2002 [The Senate agreed to acquaint the House of Representatives with the approval of the Standards]

Notices of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion by Senator Greig to disallow the Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 144 and made under the *Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act 1989* was withdrawn

A notice of motion by Senator Alison to amend section 25.2 of the Disability Discrimination Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002, made under subsection 31(1) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* was withdrawn

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

Committees

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

For committee reports click here [▶](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ A Certain Maritime Incident–Select Committee, and report of the independent assessor to the committee (SJ Odgers, SC)
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[4th Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Regulations and ASIC policy statements made under the *Financial Services Reform Act 2001*–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest [No. 12](#) of 2002 and [13th report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]. Senator McLucas made [a statement](#) relating to the report.
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–Report [No. 11](#) of 2002 (tabled, amended and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics Legislation and References Committees–Senators Buckland and Ludwig appointed as participating members
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–Senator Marshall appointed as a participating member
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Senator Barnett to replace Senator Tierney for the committee’s inquiry into the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ Areas of skills shortage and labour demand in different areas and locations, with particular emphasis on projecting future skills requirements, and [related matters](#)–to report by the last sitting day in June 2003–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

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

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–11 November 2002 from 7.15pm and 2 December 2002 from 7.15pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the conduct of the 2001 federal election

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Education of students with disabilities–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–5 December 2002
- ❑ Small business employment–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–12 December 2002

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Indigenous Australians–Customary Law](#)–moved by Senator Crossin
- ❑ [Monash University shootings](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Mrs Valerie Linow](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway

An [urgency debate](#) about professional indemnity insurance was agreed to–moved by Senator Ridgeway

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle on Korean asylum seekers was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Aspects of the administration of the Parliament–Review by the Parliamentary Commissioner, and related documents. The President made a [statement](#) about the documents.
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 13 of 2002-03–Information support services–Benchmarking the internal audit function: Follow-on audit–Benchmarking study
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Joint House Department –Report for 2001-02

Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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