



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 26 August 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.37pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

The following bill was considered

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced ([10 Democrat amendments](#) pending)

No bills were passed

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

Assent to the *New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Act (No. 1) 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](#) 

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1) and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 72 and 73, respectively, and made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*—15 sitting days after 26 August 2002—by Senator Harris
- ❑ Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 87 and made under the *Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act 1999*—15 sitting days after 26 August 2001—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled and **Committees**, Notices of Motion given

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 1998-99 (vol. 9), Additional estimates 2000-01 (vols 3 and 4), Budget supplementary estimates 2000-01 (vols 10-12), Additional estimates 2001-02 (vol. 6), Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 and 2)
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 to 4)
- ❑ Rural and Regional and Transport Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Norfolk Island electoral matters—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—47th Report

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Senator Nettle appointed as participating member
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Senator Nettle appointed as participating member, and Senator Buckland to replace Senator Lundy for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations

- Selection of Bills Committee—Senator Eggleston appointed

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—[various days](#) in August and September 2002 from 3.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—28 August 2002 from 5 pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—26 September 2002
- Public liability and professional indemnity insurance—Economics References Committee—24 September 2002
- Urban water management—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—26 September 2002

To refer matters to committees

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1) and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 72 and 73, respectively, and made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 15 October 2002
- Progress towards national reconciliation, including an examination of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Commonwealth Government's response to, and implementation of, the recommendations contained in [various documents](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by March 2003

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion relating to the reference of matters to the Superannuation Select Committee was withdrawn

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to an [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Bartlett about the Pacific Solution

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle about the MV *Tampa* was defeated

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ The Acting Deputy President tabled a letter from the Auditor-General concerning departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, amended 22 August 2002*)
- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [a statement](#) and tabled [documents](#) relating to financial information for higher education institutions (*order agreed to 21 August 2002*)
- ❑ 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 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 5 of 2002-03–Performance audit–The strategic partnership agreement between the Department of Health and the Health Insurance Commission
- ❑ [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
- ❑ Senator Allison advised the Senate of the appointment of Senator Greig as Acting Leader of the Australian Democrats
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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