

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 26 September 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.49pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

The following bill was considered

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) Bill 2002—
second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—
(2 Australian Greens [amendments to be determined](#))

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2002
- Dairy Industry Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill
2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed
to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002—The Senate agreed not
to insist on its [amendments](#) to which the House of Representatives
disagreed, and agreed to five replacement amendments made by the House
of Representatives [The bill will now be assented to]



Notices of motion given to introduce bills

- ❑ Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Senator Brown [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Senator Brown [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 [▶](#)

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given 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*–15 sitting days after 26 September 2002–by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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

Committees

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

For committee reports click here [▶](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ *Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]*–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[3rd Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ *Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002 and Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002*–Superannuation Select Committee

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ *Humanity diminished: The crime of genocide–Inquiry into the Anti-Genocide Bill 1999*–Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Eggleston replace Senator Heffernan on the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for the committee's inquiry into forestry plantations on 11 October 2002

New inquiry

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that the Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002 had been referred to the National Crime Authority Joint Committee for consideration and report by 6 November 2002

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–23 October 2002 from 11am to 12.30pm, to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into central Europe

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Greenhouse gas emissions](#)–Building industry–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Iraq](#)–Military action–moved by Senator Allison
- [Iraq](#)–Military action–Parliamentary debate–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Plastic bag levy](#)–moved by Senator Alison
- [United Nations](#) Humans Rights Commissioner–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Western Sahara](#)–Referendum on self-determination–moved by Senator Bartlett

Motion debated

The Senate [debated a motion](#) moved by Senator Sherry about superannuation

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Bartlett calling for a conscience vote on motions concerning Australian involvement in, or support for, military action against Iraq was defeated (without debate)

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 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to report to the Senate its progress in responding to the Senate [order of 27 June 2002](#) relating to tobacco and related matters; and on [certain matters](#) relating to money collected by tobacco retailers from consumers, and to advise on an appropriate federal legislative response to the High Court judgement in *Roxborough v Rothmans*–by 22 October 2002

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australian National Audit Office—Report for 2001-02
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry—Royal Commission—Interim Taskforce for the building industry: Open for Business—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, dated 26 September 2002
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Report for 2001-02

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Personal explanation—Senator Faulkner made a personal explanation concerning a media release by the Australian Federal Police about people smuggling
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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