



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 27 June 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am 27 June until 4.30am 28 June

The Senate has now completed its Budget sittings and will commence Spring sittings on [19 August 2002](#)

## Privilege

The President made a [statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege concerning the unauthorised disclosure of a report of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee. The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Eggleston that the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

## Hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) concerning the hours of sitting on 19 August 2002

## Legislation

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

### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002

### **The following bill was considered**

Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

### **The following bills were passed**

*Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2002-2003

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2002-2003

Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002

Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2002

Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002

Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002  
Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2002  
Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2002  
Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002  
International Criminal Court Bill 2002  
International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002  
International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002  
Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002  
New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Bill 2002  
New Business Tax System (Imputation) Bill 2002  
New Business Tax System (Over-franking Tax) Bill 2002  
Statute Law Revision Bill 2002  
Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002  
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002  
Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

*With amendments*

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002–(5 Opposition (1 amended by 1 Australian Democrats) [amendments agreed to](#); and 3 items omitted) [The House of Representatives disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate insisted on the amendments disagreed to by the House. The House will now reconsider the amendments.]

[The House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made to the following bills. The following bills will now be assented to]

Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002–(5 Government and 1 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#))

New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002–(1 Government [amendment agreed to](#))

[Security Legislation Amendment](#) (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2] [see *Senate Daily Summary 26 June 2002*]

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Disposal of Assets–Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2002–(9 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#))

Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002–(5 Government [amendments agreed to](#))

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002–(1 [Schedule omitted](#))

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 2) 2002–(1 Government [amendment agreed to](#); 1 item omitted; 1 schedule omitted)

Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002–(3 Government [amendments agreed to](#) and 1 item omitted)

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

## Committees

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

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## Estimates

*Report tabled*

- 2002-03 Budget estimates–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee relating to additional estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volume 1)

### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ *Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the Margaret J–Interim report*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [*and see* Reporting Dates]
- ❑ *Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority–Interim report*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [*and see* Reporting Dates]
- ❑ *Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand–Interim report*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [*and see* Reporting Dates]
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–389<sup>th</sup> Report
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Work of the Committee during the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament, November 1998 to October 2001

### **President’s report tabled**

The President’s report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 27 June 2002 was tabled

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–6th report of 2002

### **Membership**

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

### **New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002–to report by 26 August 2002
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Government advisory structures in the Australian meat industry and the allocation of export quotas for Australian meat–to report by 31 October 2002
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision strategy–to report by 12 December 2002

### **Reporting dates**

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

- ❑ Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–last sitting day in 2002
- ❑ Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–last sitting day in 2002
- ❑ Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–last sitting day in 2002
- ❑ Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–22 August 2002

### Notice of motion given

*To refer a matter to a committee*

- ❑ Alcohol taxation and related matters—Economics References Committee—to report by 29 May 2003

### Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Mammary prostheses](#)—moved by Senator Crossin
- ❑ [Military involvement—Iraq](#)—Senator Stott Despoja

### Notices of motion

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

### Orders for the production of documents

#### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) relating to a report from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* with regard to tobacco and related matters, that was tabled in the Senate on 6 May 2002 pursuant to [an order](#) of the Senate of 24 September 2001—moved by Senator Allison.

#### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Bartlett gave a [notice of motion](#) that the Livestock Officer's report and Master's reports from the voyage of the *Maysora*, a Jordanian flagged vessel that travelled from Australia on 28 February 2001, be tabled no later than 4pm on 21 August 2002

#### *Statements by minister*

The Minister for Defence tabled statements relating to:

- ❑ an [order of the Senate](#) concerning the superannuation system (agreed to 24 June 2002)
- ❑ an [order of the Senate](#) concerning retirement and income modelling (agreed to 25 June 2002)

### Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Sherry asked the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 303 to 307. [The Minister indicated](#) that answers would be provided. [The Senate took note](#) of the response.

Senator Cook asked the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer for an explanation of an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 333 relating to mass-marketed tax effective schemes. [The Minister indicated](#) that an answer would be provided. [The Senate took note](#) of the response.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation (AIPO)–Report of the parliamentary delegation to the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, Thailand, 2 to 5 September 2001, visits and briefings, Bangkok, 6 to 8 September 2001, and bilateral visit to Singapore, 9 to 13 September 2001
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 63 of 2001-2002–Performance audit–Management of the DASFLEET tied contract
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation–Report–Finland and Germany–7 to 9 April 2002
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Travelling allowance–Payments to senators and members, July to December 2001
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Senate senior officers' travelling allowance payment details 2000-01
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

## Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ [Personal explanation](#)–Senator Crane
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Valedictory [statements](#)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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