



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 29 August 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.46pm

Legislation

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No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bills were considered

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (11 Opposition [amendments agreed](#) to)

Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

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

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2002 Budget Measures) Bill 2002

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Delegated legislation

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Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the following committee was tabled:

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2001-02 (vols 7 and 8), Additional estimates 2001-02 (vol. 7)

Reports tabled

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Report for 2001-02
- Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002], Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000 [2002], Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000 [2002] and Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [2002]—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—390th Report—Review of Auditor-General's report 2001-2002: First, second and third quarters
- Publications Committee—[2nd Report](#) (report adopted)

Documents tabled

- Work of committees—Consolidated statistics for 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002; statistics for 1 January to 30 June 2002
- Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill—[Customs standing operating procedures](#)

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- *Above board? Methods of appointment to the ABC Board*—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- *Who's afraid of the WTO? Australia and the World Trade Organization*—Treaties Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senators Buckland, Collins and Boswell appointed as participating members
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Bartlett to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into materiel acquisition and management in Defence
- Senators' Interests—Discharged: Senator Reid; Appointed: Senators Barnett

New inquiry

Motion defeated

A motion to refer the 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*, **was defeated**

Meetings

Public meeting

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

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee–16 September 2002 from 8 pm

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australian Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002–Community Affairs References Committee–25 September 2002

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy–Superannuation Select Committee–14 November 2002

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) after debate about the anniversary of terrorist attacks in the United States of America–moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate

Motion debated

The Senate debated a [motion](#) about bulk billing by general practitioners–moved by Senator Evans

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statements by Parliamentary Secretary

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made statements:

- ❑ [relating](#) to the order of the Senate of 28 August 2002 for the production of documents concerning advice by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority relating to applications for financial assistance for superannuation funds where Commercial Nominees of Australia Ltd was trustee
- ❑ [relating](#) to the order of the Senate of 28 August 2002 concerning a report presented to the Government by the Superannuation Working Group

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit Report No. 6 of 2002-03–Performance audit–Fraud control arrangements in the Department of Veterans’ Affairs
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President informed the Senate that he had presented the address-in-reply to the Governor-General on 28 August 2002
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Personal explanation](#)–Senator O’Brien
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports and government responses were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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