



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 10 September 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.41pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2003

Bill restored to Notice Paper [to enable consideration to be resumed at the second reading stage]

- Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003

The following bill was considered

- Australian National Training Authority Amendment Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Democrat amendment to be determined)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2003
- Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003

With amendments

- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003 (1 Government [amendment agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill as amended]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made by the Senate](#) [The bill will now be assented to]

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](#)

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- ❑ 2002-03 Additional estimates–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ 2003-04 Budget estimates–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- ❑ ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003–Superannuation Select Committee
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–Report No. 2 of 2003 on annual reports referred to legislation committees
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–8th report of 2003–Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest [No. 10](#) of 2003 and [9th Report](#) of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No.10](#) of 2003 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003–Economics Legislation Committee

Membership

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

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

Meetings

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

- ❑ Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–15 September 2003 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm–Australia’s relationship with Indonesia

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 18 September 2003
- ❑ Progress towards national reconciliation–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by 8 October 2003

Motions agreed to

An urgency motion moved by Senator Greig about [same-sex couple recognition](#) was agreed to by the Senate

The Senate agreed to motions (without debate) about:

- ❑ [Bipolar disorder](#)—moved by Senator Allison (without debate)
- ❑ [Point Nepean](#)—moved by Senator Nettle (without debate)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [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
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death of the Honourable Donald Robert Willesee, senator for Western Australia from 1950 to 1975. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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