



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 13 October 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.22pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Spam Bill 2003
- Spam (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
- Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [Private senator's bill]

### The following bill was considered

- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (8 Opposition requests for [amendments](#) and 1 Democrat amendment agreed to, and 2 Democrat amendments to be determined)

### The following bill was passed

*With amendments*

- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003—3 Government [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by 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](#)

### Motion defeated

The Senate debated a motion to disallow Amendment 46 of the National Capital Plan (Gunghalin Drive Extension—Black Mountain Nature Reserve), made under section 19 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the Amendment.

### **Notice of intention given to withdraw notices**

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 115 and made under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 9), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 184 and made under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*
- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 188 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*
- ❑ Fishing Levy Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 134 and made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the *Fishing Levy Act 1991*
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 200 and made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*
- ❑ Marriage Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 198 and made under the *Marriage Act 1961*
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Subsidy Scheme 2003, made under subsection 43(1) of the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002*

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

### **Committees**

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

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### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Immigration detention centres and the treatment of detainees—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee [Senator Payne, on behalf of the committee, made the report by way of a [statement](#)]
- ❑ Private review of agency security arrangements—ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- ❑ Proposal for pay parking in the Parliamentary Zone—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- ❑ Review of Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio annual reports 2001-02—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Review of the Defence annual report 2001-02—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

### **New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 27 November 2003

### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee–16 October 2003 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm–Accuracy of intelligence prior to the war in Iraq

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Government's foreign and trade policy strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in 2003
- Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in March 2004

### **Ministerial statement**

The Senate continued to debate a motion to take note of the [ministerial statement](#) made by the Minister for Defence and the discussion paper on section 57 of the Constitution tabled on 8 October 2003. The Senate agreed to take note of the statement and the document. [This debate is now concluded]

### **Notices of motion**

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

### **Orders for the production of documents**

*Motions agreed to*

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table certain documents relating to the management of detention centres (no later than 3pm on 16 October 2003)–moved by Senator Allison

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer to table documents relating to calculations of the Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) levy following the collapse of United Medical Protection (no later than 5pm on 14 October 2003)–moved by Senator Evans

*Notice of motion given*

Senator O'Brien gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of certain documents relating to the voyage of the MV *Cormo Express* (no later than 2pm on 15 October 2003)

*Statement by Minister*

The Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads made [a statement](#) about the order for production of documents to table certain documents relating to question on notice no. 1374. The Minister indicated that the order is under consideration.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal relating to the installation of four accessible pram ramps at the junction of the Parade Ground and Federation Mall. [A notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval for the proposed installation.
- ❑ Passive smoking—Response to the Senate resolution ([agreed to](#) 11 September 2003) from the Premier of Queensland
- ❑ [2 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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