



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 14 October 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 9.16pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2003
- Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Bill 2003
- Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2003

The following bill was considered

- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003—4 Democrat and 2 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to ([previous](#) requests and amendments were agreed to 12 October 2003) [The House of Representatives will now consider [the requests](#) made by the Senate. The Senate will read the bill a third time when the requests are resolved.]

No bills were passed

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to [amendments](#) nos 1 to 4, 8 to 11 and 13 to 15, and [disagreed](#) to amendments nos 5 to 7 and 12 [The Senate will reconsider the amendments disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Bill 2003
- Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2003

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](#)

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow [certain instruments](#) were withdrawn

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

Committees

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

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Report tabled

- Regulating the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium mines—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

Private meeting

The Senate agreed that the following private meeting may be held while 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

Reporting dates

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

- 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

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—27 October 2003 from 7.30pm—Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003

To extend a reporting deadline

- Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 29 October 2003

To refer matters to a committee

- [Draft Building](#) and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 and related matters—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by the second sitting week of 2004
- [Expatriate Australians](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 1 September 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Alternative fuels](#)—Excise exemption—moved by [Senator Allison](#) [urgency motion]
- ❑ [B'nai B'rith](#)—160th anniversary—moved by Senator Forshaw
- ❑ [Colombia—Human rights](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Nobel Peace Prize winner](#)—Ms Shirin Ebadi—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal by the Joint House Department for the installation of four accessible pram ramps at the junction of the Parade Ground and Federation Mall—moved by the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- ❑ [Anti-Poverty Week](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Insight—SBS program](#)—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the tabling of certain documents relating to the voyage of the MV *Cormo Express* (no later than 2pm on 15 October 2003)—moved by Senator O'Brien

Statements by Ministers

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer made [a statement](#) about the order for production of documents relating to calculations of the Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) levy following the collapse of United Medical Protection. The Minister indicated that the order is under consideration. Senators [Sherry](#) and [Bartlett](#) made statements.

The Minister for Justice and Customs 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:

- ❑ Joint House Department—Report for 2002-03
- ❑ [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

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Bali–National Remembrance Service–The Senate agreed to suspend the sitting of the Senate from 10.30am to 2pm on 16 October 2003 to enable senators to attend a National Remembrance Service honouring the victims of the terrorist attacks in Bali
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death of the Honourable Dr James Ford Cairns, former federal minister and member for Yarra and Lalor. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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