



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 15 May 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.31pm

Budget 2003-04

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[The Opposition](#), [Australian Democrats](#) and [Australian Greens](#) made responses to the Budget statement and documents

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy Amendment Bill 2002
- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2002
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2002
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003

With amendments

- Terrorism Insurance Bill 2003–2 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

The following bill was defeated at the third reading

- Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament–Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2002] [Private senator's bill] [This bill was not agreed to by an absolute majority as required by the Constitution]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Crimes Legislation Enhancement Bill 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

- ❑ Encouraging Communities Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator’s bill]
- ❑ Protection of Biodiversity on Private Land Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator’s bill]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Supporting Young Carers) Bill 2003–Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator’s bill]

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 given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Farm Help Re-establishment Grant Scheme Amendment 2003 (No. 1), made under section 52A of the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*–by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules No. 337 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*–by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information relating to the 2002-03 Additional Estimates was tabled by the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- ❑ Publications Committee–[8th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Annual reports–Report 1 of 2003–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Government responses to reports tabled

- ❑ Commonwealth environment powers–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- ❑ Inquiry into the Commonwealth’s actions in relation to *Ryker (Faulkner) v The Commonwealth and Flint*–Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Establishment of a new committee

The Senate agreed to establish a [Select Committee on Medicare](#)–to report by 12 August 2003

Membership

The Senate [appointed members](#) to the Medicare Select Committee and agreed to [changes to the membership](#) of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee, and to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and the Trade Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given to refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ [The burning of Australia's biggest tree](#)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References—to report by 20 August 2003—by Senator Brown

Motions agreed to

The Senate debated and [agreed to a motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate urging the Prime Minister to establish a Royal Commission into child sexual abuse in Australia, and the Governor-General to immediately resign or, if he does not do so, the Prime Minister to advise the Queen of Australia to terminate the Commission of the Governor-General [The resolution will be communicated by message to the House with a request that the House concur with the resolution]

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Human rights](#)—sexuality—moved by Senator Greig
- ❑ [National Autism Awareness Week](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [National Sorry Day](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Recherche Bay](#)—Tasmania—moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Women—body image](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statements and documents tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [statements](#) relating to:

- ❑ the order [of the Senate of 14 May 2003](#) for the production of the most recent application documents from the Australian Grand Prix Corporation to the Federal Government for exemption from the *Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992*, and, pursuant to that order, tabled [various documents](#)
- ❑ the [order of the Senate of 14 May 2003](#) for the production of the reports by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and the National Health and Medical Research Council and, pursuant to that order, tabled [a document](#)
- ❑ the [order of the Senate of 14 May 2003](#) for the production of documents concerning expressions of interest in Defence land for sale at Point Nepean
- ❑ the [order of the Senate of 14 May 2003](#) for the production of documents concerning the Basslink project
- ❑ the order [of the Senate of 14 May 2003](#) for the production of documents concerning a list of potential sites for the location of a national store for intermediate level radioactive waste. The Senate [took note](#) of the [statement](#).

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Greig asked the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs for an explanation of an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 1218 relating to the practice of ‘trafficking’ in women for prostitution. The Minister [indicated](#) that an explanation would be provided. The Senate took note of the Minister’s answer.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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