



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 18 August 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.28pm

Legislation

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No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bills were considered

- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002, Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002, Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—
Committee of the whole continued: 100 Progressive Alliance amendments to the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 agreed to, 1 Green amendment pending

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to an Act was reported in the Senate

*See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation*

Delegated legislation

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Committees

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Reports tabled

- Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2003—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Meetings

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

- Economics Legislation Committee–19 August 2003 from 3pm to 3.30pm

Reporting dates

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

- Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–to report by 19 August 2003

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to a committee

- History of post-transfusion Hepatitis C in Australia, and [related matters](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by the first sitting day of the 2004 winter session

To extend reporting deadlines

- Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 21 August 2003
- Forestry plantations–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 8 October 2003
- Refusal of the Government to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents relating to financial information concerning higher education institutions–to report by 17 September 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by the President of the Senate about the proposed amalgamation of three parliamentary departments. The Senate also agreed to advise the House of Representatives of the resolution.

The Senate also agreed to a motion without debate about [child protection services](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various 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](#) and [amended](#)]

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts gave an explanation for answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 1584 and 1585 relating to education agents. The Minister [indicated](#) that answers had been provided.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ Carbon dioxide emissions—from the Premier of New South Wales (agreed to [24 June 2003](#))
 - ❑ Dogs—Tail docking—from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (agreed to [26 June 2003](#))
- ❑ Work of Committees—Financial year statistics: 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003; and half-yearly statistics: 1 January to 30 June 2003

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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