



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 23 June 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.28pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2003-2004
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2003-2004
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Private Health Insurance Levies) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (ACAC Review Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Bill 2003
- ❑ Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2003
- ❑ Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
- ❑ Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2003

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—committee of the whole continued (16 Government and 2 Opposition amendments agreed to) [see Journals entries [2](#) and [24](#)]
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002 [No. 2]—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Bill 2002

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- ❑ National Animal Welfare Bill 2003—Notice of motion given by the Leader of the Australian Democrats [Private senator's bill]

Proclamations

Proclamations by the Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia were tabled notifying that Schedules 2 and 3 of the *Migration Legislation Amendment (Contributory Parents Migration Scheme) Act 2003* would commence on 27 June 2003 and 1 July 2003 respectively

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](#)

Notice of motion given

[A notice of motion](#) was given by the Leader of the Australian Democrats to disallow item [2197] of Schedule 2 to the Migration Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 106 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*

Notice of intention given to withdraw notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Farm Help Re-establishment Grant Scheme Amendment 2003 (No.1), made under section 52A of the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*

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

Committees

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

[For committee reports click here](#)

Estimates

Report tabled

- 2003-04 budget estimates—Economics Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- 2003 New Zealand parliamentary committee exchange program—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—
 - Estimates for the Department of the Senate 2003-04—38th report
 - Review of aspects of parliamentary administration—39th reportSenators [Ray](#) and [Murray](#) made statements relating to the reports. The Senate took note of the reports.
- The 2001 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 2001 federal election and matters related thereto—Electoral Matters Joint Committee. Senators [Mason](#), [Ray](#) and [Murray](#) made statements relating to the report. The Senate took note of the report.

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Senator Wong to replace Senator Mackay for the consideration of the Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and a related bill
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Bishop to replace Senator Wong for the committee's inquiry into administrative review within the area of veteran and military compensation and income support
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senator Bishop to replace Senator Marshall for the committee's inquiry into the current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas
- Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters Select Committee—Senators Bartlett, Ludwig, Sherry and Wong appointed

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—26 June 2003 from 4.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's insolvency laws
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee—24 June 2003 from 5.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into progress towards national reconciliation
- Public Works Joint Committee—26 June 2003 from 9.30am to 10am—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the refurbishment of the Australian Institute of Sport

To extend reporting deadlines

- Australian telecommunications network—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—2 December 2003
- Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—19 August 2003
- Recruitment and training in the Australian Public Service—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—18 September 2003
- The role of libraries as providers of public information in the online environment—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—19 August 2003

To refer matters to a committee

- Current and prospective levels of competition in broadband services, including interconnection and pricing in both the wholesale and retail markets, and [related matters](#)—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2004

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to table all documents produced since 1 January 1999 relating to work undertaken by the public relations company Turnbull Porter Novelli for Biotechnology Australia and the department (no later than 3.30pm on 12 August 2003)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 52 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Absence management in the Australian Public Service
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 53 of 2002-03—Business support process audit—Business continuity management: Follow-on audit
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 54 of 2002-03—Business support process audit—Capitalisation of software
- ❑ Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference—Report of the Australian Delegation to Santiago, Chile, 5 to 12 April 2003 and bi-lateral visit to Canada, 31 March to 3 April 2003
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal relating to landscape works and installation of new lighting at the Treasury Building. [A notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval for the proposed works.
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal relating to the design of the Commonwealth Place Forecourt. [A notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval for the proposed works.
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No government documents were 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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