



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 3 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.07pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) Bill 2004
- ❑ Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004 [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Invasion of Iraq Royal Commission (Restoring Public Trust in Government) Bill 2004 [No. 2] [Private senators' bill]
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity (IBNR Indemnity) Contribution Amendment Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (2 Government [amendments to be determined](#))

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Norfolk Island Amendment Bill 2003 [2004] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

The following bill was defeated at the third reading by a majority vote

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate in place of the amendments to which the House had disagreed [The bill will now be assented to]

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

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Bill 2004
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Rotterdam Convention) Bill 2004

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](#)

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 2 of 2004 and [2nd report](#) of 2004 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 2 of 2004](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Senator McLucas to replace Senator Buckland on the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for the inquiry into the administration of Biosecurity Australia and the revised draft import risk analysis for bananas

Reference of bills

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Meetings

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—4 March 2004 from 4pm—Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No. 2]—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 25 March 2004

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–10 March 2004 from 11.30am to 2pm–Competition in broadband services

To extend reporting deadlines

- Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 27 May 2004
- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 5 August 2004

To vary the Senate resolution concerning appointment of a committee

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) gave [notice](#) of a motion to vary the Senate [resolution](#) concerning appointments to the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Midwife services](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- [76th Annual Academy Awards](#)–moved by Senator Lundy and the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [two agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [two 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]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Audit report no. 33 of 2003-04–The Australian Taxation Office’s collection and management of activity statement information: Australian Taxation Office
- [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about the Government's superannuation and retirement policies—[proposed by Senator Sherry](#)
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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