



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 11 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.39pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Application of International Trade Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2003
- ❑ Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Resale Royalty Bill 2004 [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2004

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate continued

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Legislation Amendment (Application of International Trade Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2003
- ❑ Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ National Measurement Amendment Bill 2003

#### *With requests and an amendment*

- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare) Bill 2003—3 Independent requests for [amendments](#), and 1 Democrat [amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate. The House will now consider the amendment made by the Senate.]

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 [Clerk's documents] tabled

## Committees

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

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- ❑ Poverty and financial hardship [with corrigendum]–Community Affairs References Committee
- ❑ Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand–Final report–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[15th Report](#) [report adopted]

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Inquiry into Gulf of St Vincent–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- ❑ Review of the Defence annual report 2001-02–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

### New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Impediments to Indigenous employment [and related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004
- ❑ [The living costs of students](#) and the adequacy of income support measures–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004
- ❑ The progress and future direction of life-long learning [and related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 25 November 2004

### Reporting date

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

- ❑ Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 1 April 2004

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Cherry asked the Minister for Family and Community Services for [an explanation](#) for answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 2209 to 2211 within the portfolio. The [Minister indicated](#) that the answer to question no. 2211 had been provided and answers to question nos 2209 and 2210 were being prepared.

## 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]

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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