



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 12 February 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.07pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- National Measurement Amendment Bill 2003

The following bills were considered

- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare) Bill 2003—second reading debate continued [together with debate on the [Australian Green's amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- National Residue Survey Customs Levy Rate Correction (Lamb Exports) Bill 2003
- National Residue Survey Excise Levy Rate Correction (Lamb Transactions) Bill 2003
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Wine Grapes) Bill 2003

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003 [2004]—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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](#)

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Budget estimates 2003-04 (Supplementary)
 - Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee [see Journals entries [12](#) and [27](#)]
 - Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- Portfolio additional estimates statements for various [executive departments](#) were tabled

Reports tabled

- Australian Wool Innovation Limited: Application and expenditure of funds advanced under Statutory Funding Agreement dated 31 December 2000–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Senators' Interests Committee–Report 1 of 2004: Annual report 2003

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- 45th report: The Statute of the International Criminal Court–Treaties Joint Committee

Membership

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

Variation of reference

The Senate agreed to a variation in the [terms of reference](#) of the inquiry into the effectiveness of the Australian military justice system being conducted by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–1 March 2004 from 4pm–The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Australian telecommunications network–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 31 March 2004
- Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters–Select Committee–to report by 31 March 2004

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by Senator Conroy about the impact of the Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America on the Australian sugar industry

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Child Wise Limited](#)—Bernadette McMenamin—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [HIV/AIDS](#)—Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria—moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

No notices of motion were given

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Defence made [a statement](#) relating to the order (agreed to [29 October 2003](#)) requiring Senate ministers to table certain statements about advertising of public information projects undertaken by portfolio agencies

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report no. 28 of 2003-04—Audit activity report: July to December 2003
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Minister for Defence made [a statement](#) about an accident involving a Black Hawk helicopter at Amberley, Queensland
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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