



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 29 March 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.20pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Electronic Delivery) Bill 2004

### The following bills were considered

[The House of Representatives will now consider the requests made by the Senate to these bills]

- ❑ Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003—committee of the whole [completed](#) (43 Government amendments, 1 Democrat and 7 Government requests for amendments agreed to)
- ❑ Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003—committee of the whole [completed](#) (26 Government amendments and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to)
- ❑ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 [No. 2]—second reading debate continued

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Age Discrimination (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2004
- ❑ Greater Sunrise Unitisation Agreement Implementation Bill 2004

#### *With amendments*

- ❑ Age Discrimination Bill 2003—2 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to [*See [Schedule](#) for all Senate amendments to this bill. The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate.*]

### Notices of motion given

*To exempt bills from the cut-off order* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Representation in the House of Representatives) Bill 2004
- ❑ Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003

### 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](#)

For committee reports [click here](#)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Procedure Committee—First report of 2004—Divisions on Thursdays; Consideration of government documents; Formal motions
- ❑ Taxation Laws (Clearing and Settlement Facility Support) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ To make a contribution: Review of skilled labour migration programs 2004—Migration Joint Committee

### Reporting date

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

- ❑ Capacity of current legal aid and access to justice arrangements to meet the community need for legal assistance—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 11 May 2004

### Notices of motion given

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2003 [exposure draft and bill] and a related bill—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by 15 June 2004
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—
  - ❑ Australian telecommunications network—to report by 16 June 2004
  - ❑ Competition in broadband services—to report by 24 June 2004
  - ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002—to report by 25 November 2004
  - ❑ Regulation, control and management of invasive species—to report by 25 November 2004
- ❑ Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 24 June 2004

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion about [healthcare in rural communities](#)—moved by Senator Allison

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Forshaw asked the Minister representing the Minister for Science for [an explanation](#) for an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 2453 concerning the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation. [The Minister indicated](#) that an answer would be provided.

Senator Allison asked the Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs for [an explanation](#) for answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 2117 and 2360 concerning diagnostic ultrasound equipment and children being held in detention, respectively. [The Minister indicated](#) that answers would be provided.

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Cherry gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of certain documents relating to information produced as part of the 2002-2003 CSIRO Biodiversity Division project, 'Ecological Implications of GMOs [genetically-modified organisms]' (no later than the conclusion of question time on 1 April 2004)

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ National Schools Constitutional Convention 2004, Old Parliament House, 24 to 26 March 2004—Communique
- ❑ [A petition](#) was received

No government documents were tabled

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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