



This week at a glance

30 August-2 September 2004

The Prime Minister announced on 29 August 2004 that the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia will prorogue Parliament from 4.59pm on Tuesday 31 August and that a Federal election will be held on 9 October 2004 [The Governor-General's proclamation is attached to this document. *And see* The Constitution, [section 5](#)]. The Senate will meet on Monday and Tuesday prior to the prorogation.

Legislation

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

The following bills may be considered on the days indicated

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- Australian Passports (Application Fees) Bill 2004
- Australian Passports Bill 2004
- Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2004
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Budget Measures) Bill 2004
- Surveillance Devices Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (Wine Producer Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004

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- Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004
- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004
- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004

Committees

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

The following reports are due to be tabled on the days indicated

[Committee reports, government documents and reports of the Auditor-General may be presented to the President of the Senate after the prorogation of Parliament enabling their publication. Copies of reports will be available on the relevant committee's [website](#) after presentation.]

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- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84]—Economics Legislation Committee
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 scheme) Bill 2004 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee

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- Children in institutional care—Community Affairs References Committee

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- Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2004—All legislation committees

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- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

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**PROCLAMATION**

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 5 of the Constitution:

- prorogue the Parliament from 4.59pm on Tuesday, 31 August 2004, until Saturday, 9 October 2004; and
- dissolve the House of Representatives at 5pm on Tuesday, 31 August 2004.

Signed and sealed with
the Great Seal of Australia
on 29 August 2004



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jeffery".

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Howard".

Prime Minister

