



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 31 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.58pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2004
- Migration Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2004

### The following bill was considered

- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004—second reading debate continued [together with debate on the Opposition's [amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2004

#### *With amendments*

- Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003–11 Government [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

#### *With amendments and requests*

- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003—A message reported that the House of Representatives had made the [amendments](#) requested by the Senate [The House will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the [amendments](#) made by the Senate and had made amendments in place of those amendments [The Senate will reconsider the amendments disagreed to by the House, and the amendments made in place of those amendments, on a future sitting day]

**The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered**

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003–the message reported that the House of Representatives had not made the [amendments](#) requested by the Senate. The Senate resolved not to further press its requests for amendments not made by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives had made [amendments](#) nos 2 to 8 requested by the Senate, and had not made amendment no. 1. The Senate resolved not to press its request for the amendment to which the House had disagreed. [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation Safety Amendment Bill 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to 37 [amendments](#) made by the Senate, and disagreed to 2. The Senate did not insist on the [amendments](#) to which the House had disagreed. [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 [Clerk's documents] tabled

**Committees**

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

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**Reports tabled**

- ❑ Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters–Select Committee–Report
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2004 and [5th report](#) of 2004 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 6](#) of 2004 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–59<sup>th</sup> report–Treaties tabled in December 2003

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

**Government response to committee report tabled**

- ❑ Review of the Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee

**Public meetings**

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

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–1 April 2004 from 3.15pm–Hepatitis C in Australia

### Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Children in institutional care—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 21 June 2004

### Notices of motion given

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 5 August 2004
- ❑ Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 12 May 2004

*To refer a bill to a committee*

- ❑ Tourism Australia Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 13 May 2004

*To appoint a select committee*

- ❑ Select Committee on Tobacco [to be appointed](#) to inquire into the adequacy of the response to date of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to certain orders of the Senate to report on various issues concerning tobacco—to report by 1 September 2004

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Human rights in Syria](#)—moved by Senators Cherry and Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Indigenous Australians' health](#)—moved by [Senator Ridgeway](#) (as a matter of urgency)
- ❑ [National Youth Week](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Superannuation preservation age](#)—moved by Senator Cherry

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Allison asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister for an [explanation](#) for an answer not being provided to question on notice no. 1403 relating to the existence in Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. [The Minister indicated](#) that an answer would be provided.

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

*Notices of motion given*

Senator Ludwig gave a [notice](#) of motion to require the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs to table certain documents relating to the exercise of ministerial discretion under sections 351 and 417 of the *Migration Act 1958* (no later than 5pm on 12 May 2004)

Senator Greig gave a [notice](#) of motion to require the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table certain documents relating to the Government's response to the United Nations Human Rights Committee finding on 6 August 2003 in the case of *Young v. Australia* (no later than 5pm on 15 June 2004)

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 38 of 2003-04–Performance audit–Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation: Follow-up audit
- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation–Report–Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, 7 to 19 December 2003
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation relating to the design and content of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage commemorative fountain at the Old Parliament House gardens. A [notice of motion](#) was also given to approve the proposal.
- ❑ A [petition](#) was received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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