



# Senate Daily Summary

3 October 2000

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.48pm

## New senator sworn in

[Senator Geoffrey Buckland](#) (Australian Labor Party, South Australia) was sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Quirke

## Privilege

[The President reported](#) that certain documents seized under a search warrant had been delivered to the Clerk of the Senate on 29 September 2000 in accordance with an order of the Federal Court in the case of *Crane v Gething*. [Senator Ray took note](#) of the President's statement.

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) Bill 2000

Family Law Amendment Bill 2000

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Private Trusts and Private Companies—Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2000

Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2000

### The following bills were considered

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Bill 2000—committee of the whole commenced ([2 Australian Green amendments agreed](#))

Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Bill 2000—committee of the whole commenced

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

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Bills assented to**

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

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## **Committees**

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### **Estimates**

The Senate *agreed to a motion* noting with continuing concern the failure of the Assistant Treasurer and the Department of the Treasury to provide answers to questions taken on notice at the most recent Treasury estimates hearings

#### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the following committees relating to Estimates 2000-2001 was tabled:

- ▢ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee (volumes 2 and 3)
- ▢ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (volumes 1 and 2)
- ▢ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (5 volumes)

### **Report tabled**

- ▢ *'Shadow Ledgers' and the provision of bank statements to customers*—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- ▢ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Senator Tierney to replace Senator Calvert from 3 to 7 October 2000

### **Meeting**

#### *Private meeting*

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

- ▢ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—4 October 2000 from 10am to 11am

### **Reporting dates**

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

- ▢ Global warming and the Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—12 October 2000
- ▢ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—12 October 2000
- ▢ Telecommunications and electro-magnetic emissions—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Thursday of the fourth sitting week in 2001

- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—8 November 2000

## Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) click here [▶](#)

### Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

[A notice](#) of intention to withdraw notices to disallow several instruments was given

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled

## Motion agreed to

The Senate **agreed to** a motion (after debate) about the [Sydney 2000 Olympic Games](#)—moved by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the return of documents

### Notices of motion given

- Senator Bolkus gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table a report by KPMG for the Australian Greenhouse Office on the Derby Tidal Energy Project, dated August 2000 (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 5 October 2000)
- Senator Cook gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table certain reports and documents from the Australian Taxation Office (no later than immediately after question time 19 sitting days after today)

### Documents tabled

- Documents were tabled relating to SES scores and related matters (in response to a motion moved by Senator Carr on 7 September 2000). The Senate agreed to [take note](#) of the documents. (see also *Senate Daily Summary* dated [7 September 2000](#))
- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

## Question on notice—failure to provide answer

- Senator Cook asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2856. The Assistant Treasurer indicated that [an answer would be provided](#). The Senate **agreed to** take note of the Assistant Treasurer's explanation.

- Senator Cook asked the Minister representing the Minister for Trade for an explanation why an answer had not been provided to question on notice no. 2743. The Minister indicated that [an answer would be provided](#). The Senate *agreed to* take note of the Minister's explanation.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Report No. 10 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–AQIS cost-recovery systems: Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
- Auditor-General–Report No. 11 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Knowledge system equipment acquisition projects in Defence: Department of Defence
- Auditor-General–Report No. 12 of 2000-2001–Performance audit–Passenger movement charge–Follow-up audit: Australian Customs Service
- Australian National Audit Office–Annual Report 1999-2000
- [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- Department of the Senate–Annual Report 1999-2000
- [Government documents](#) were tabled
- [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 22 June 2000) about Kosovar refugees
- [Responses](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 14 August 2000) about transport for the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 7 September 2000) about land clearing and threatened species

## Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- The President informed the Senate of the deaths of [two former members](#) of the House of Representatives, a [former Premier](#) of South Australia and a [former Prime Minister of Canada](#)
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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