



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 30 November 2000

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The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.10pm

Budget 2000-01

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Additional estimates

- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled [particulars of proposed additional expenditure and related documents](#). The Senate referred these documents to legislation committees for examination and report
- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts gave notice of a motion proposing a [schedule of 2001 estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and reporting dates

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

The following bills were considered

Australian Research Council Bill 2000 and the Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000—second reading debate agreed to [The Senate agreed to a second reading amendment moved by the Opposition expressing a view about the policy of the Australian Research Council Bill 2000. The Senate further agreed to advise the House of Representatives of the amendment]

Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000 and four related bills—second reading debate agreed to

Gene Technology Bill 2000 and two related bills—committee of the whole stage continued

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

[These bills will now be assented to]

Without amendments

Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2000

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2000

Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000

With amendments

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

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2000–

[6 Opposition amendments agreed to](#)

Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000–29 Opposition (1 amended by the Democrats) and 5 Democrat amendments agreed to and 2 items defeated

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendments [The bill will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives agreed to 2 amendments, disagreed to 8 amendments and made a substitute amendment. The Senate agreed not to insist on 4 amendments, insisted on 4 amendments and agreed to the substitute amendment. [The House of Representatives will consider the amendments again]

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendments requested and pressed by the Senate. The Senate agreed to further press the requests. [The House of Representatives will consider the requests again]

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendment requested by the Senate. The Senate agreed to press the requested amendment. [The House of Representatives will consider the request again]

Notice of motion given

To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111

[to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2000

*See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation*

Committees

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

[For committee reports click here](#) 

Reports tabled

- *Healing: a legacy of generations*—Report of the inquiry into the Federal Government's implementation of recommendations made by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in *Bringing Them Home*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee—11th report of 2000—Construction of mixed residential dwellings at block 87, section 24, Stirling, ACT
- Public Works Joint Committee—12th report of 2000—ABC Perth accommodation project, East Perth, Western Australia
- Public Works Joint Committee—13th report of 2000—Reserve Bank of Australia proposed head office building works

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Access to medical records—Community Affairs References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Ridgeway for the inquiry into the Government's information technology outsourcing initiative
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Senator Ludwig to replace Senator Cooney for consideration of the Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2000 and a related bill
- Procedure Committee—Discharged: Senator Heffernan; Appointed: Senator Ian Campbell

Publication of in camera evidence

Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—The Senate agreed to publish certain evidence taken in private hearings

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Lucas Heights new reactor—Select Committee—5 December 2000 from 5.30pm
- Superannuation and Financial Service Select Committee—30 November 2000 from 3.15pm to 5.15pm

Notice of motion given

To schedule estimates

- Additional estimates 2000–01—legislation committees—to report on 27 March 2001
- Budget estimates 2001–02—legislation committees—to report by 20 June 2001 (*see also* Budget 2000–01—Additional estimates, above)

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [Indonesia](#)—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Faulkner gave notice of a motion to require the Leader of the Government in the Senate to table all GST-related public opinion polling commissioned by government departments from 1 January 1999 to 30 September 2000 (no later than immediately after questions without notice on 7 December 2000)

Questions on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Faulkner asked the Minister representing the Treasurer for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice relating to the case of the tax agent outlined in the *Commonwealth Ombudsman's 1998-99 Annual Report*. The Senate took note of the [Minister's undertaking](#) to provide an answer.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Additional estimates—Particulars of proposed additional expenditure and related documents (*see also* Budget 2000-01—Additional estimates, above)
- Additional estimates—Portfolio additional estimates statements for portfolios and executive departments and the Department of the Senate
- Auditor-General—Report No. 18 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Reform of service delivery of business assistance programs: Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- Auditor-General—Report No. 20 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Second tranche of Telstra shares
- Bringing them home: National inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families—Progress on Commonwealth initiatives in response to the *Bringing them home* report
- [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- Government documents: No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[Two petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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2000-01 BUDGET ESTIMATES SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS

30 November 2000

Related links

For [general information](#) about the consideration of the 2000-01 Budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc)

Portfolio budget statements and related budget papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at www.budget.gov.au

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Environment and Heritage

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 5.08pm until 10.03pm.

The committee **completed:**

- ❑ Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (ABA, Australia Post, ACA, National Gallery of Australia)
- ❑ **supplementary budget estimates consideration**

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Committee proceedings can be viewed on the [Internet](#) and through [Fedcast](#) (see the estimates information document)

Senate Briefs, prepared by the Senate Procedure Office, provide general information about the estimates process:

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[No. 5](#): Consideration of Estimates by the Senate's Legislation Committees

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