



This week at a glance

Legislation

The following bills may be considered this week

- A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) Bill 2000
- A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment Bill 2000
- A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) Bill 2000
- Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2000
- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
- Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1999
- Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
- Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax Bill 1999
- Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1999
- Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Bill 2000
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 1999
- Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) Bill 1999
- Pooled Development Funds Amendment Bill 1999
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000
- Transport and Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 1999

Committees

The following reports are due to be tabled this week

9 May 2000

- Economics Legislation Committee—
A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) Bill 2000
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 and the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

10 May 2000

- Development of the Brisbane Airport Corporation's Master Plan for the future construction of a western parallel runway—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Bill 2000—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

11 May 2000

- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and the importation of salmon—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- State of the environment of Gulf St Vincent—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Telecommunications (Interception) Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Senate Daily Summary

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The Senate met from 2pm until 8.06pm

Budget 2000-01

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The Assistant Treasurer gave and tabled the Budget statement for the year 2000-01 and also tabled associated budget papers and ministerial statements. The Opposition, minor parties and independent senators will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday 11 May 2000.

The Senate agreed to a motion by the Assistant Treasurer to refer documents to legislation committees to enable the committees to examine the proposed budget (estimates hearings). The committees are due to report to the Senate on 22 June 2000. Portfolio Budget Statements for the parliamentary and executive departments were also tabled.

New senator sworn in

[Senator Sandy Macdonald](#) (National Party, New South Wales) was sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator the Hon. David Brownhill

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax Bill 1999
Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1999
Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) Bill 1999
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 10) 1999
Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

The following bill was considered

Transport and Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 1999—second reading debate continued

Royal Assent

Royal Assent to several bills was reported in the Senate

[For the list of bills assented to click here](#) ▶

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

Committees

[For committee reports click here](#) ▢

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

Estimates

The particulars of proposed expenditure for 2000-01 (the amounts contained in the Appropriation bills) were referred to Senate legislation committees which are due to report by 22 June 2000

[For scheduled hearings click here](#) ▢

Reports tabled

- Economics Legislation Committee—Report on A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) Bill 2000
- Economics Legislation Committee—Report on the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 and the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Statement tabled

A statement relating to the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee's consideration of the draft Budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office for 2000-2001 was tabled

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Appointed: Senator Sandy Macdonald
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Appointed: Senator Sandy Macdonald; Discharged: Senator Lightfoot
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Appointed: Senator Sandy Macdonald

Reporting dates

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

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report on the provisions of the Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Bill 2000—10 May 2000
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Report on the state of the environment of Gulf St Vincent—11 May 2000

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report on the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and the importation of salmon—to 8 June 2000
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report on air safety—to 14 September 2000
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report on the development of the Brisbane Airport Corporation's Master Plan for the future construction of a western parallel runway—to 29 June 2000

Delegated legislation

[For a complete list of disallowance notices \(and outcomes\) click here](#) ▢

Notice of intention to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given to withdraw notices of motion relating to the disallowance of the following instruments:

- ❑ Declaration PB 2 of 2000, made under subsection 85(2AA) of the *National Health Act 1953*
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Region (Prohibition on Mining) Regulations 1999, as contained in Statutory Rules 1999 No. 339 and made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*
- ❑ Instrument No. CASA 04/00, made under subregulation 207(2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988
- ❑ Marine Orders Part 61–Safe Working on Board Ships–Issue 1, Marine Order No. 20 of 1999, made under section 425(1AA) of the *Navigation Act 1912*
- ❑ Marine Orders Part 9–Health–Medical Fitness–Issue 5, Marine Order No. 22 of 1999, made under section 425(1AA) of the *Navigation Act 1912*
- ❑ Quarantine (General) Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 1999 No. 308 and made under the *Quarantine Act 1908*

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts in relation to Queensland police officers injured on duty

[For full text of motion click here](#) ▢

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

- ❑ A report of an investigation into the specification of heavy trucks and consequent effects on truck dynamics and drivers (in response to a motion moved by Senator Harris and agreed to by the Senate on 16 April 2000)
[For details click here](#) ▢
- ❑ A statement of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 1999 for the Department of Defence was tabled (in response to an order of the Senate agreed to on 30 May 1996 requiring regular tabling of such information)

Documents

The following documents were also tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 40 of 1999-2000–Tactical fighter operations: Department of Defence
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 41 of 1999-2000–Commonwealth emergency management arrangements
- ❑ Budget papers and associated documents
[For details click here](#) ▶▶▶▶
- ❑ Parliamentary privilege–Use of Senate materials in evidence
[For details click here](#) ▶
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–Documents relating to the erection of temporary structures associated with the running of the National Capital 100 V8 Supercar race
- ❑ Various responses to Senate resolutions (relating to employment in South Australia ▶ ; sterilisation of women with intellectual disabilities ▶ ; and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference ▶)
- ❑ **Clerk’s documents** (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
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- ❑ **Government documents**
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Petitions

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7 petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time

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