



# Senate Daily Summary

8 June 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.26pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Financial Management and Accountability Amendment Bill 2000  
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000  
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

### The following bill was considered

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment Bill 2000—committee of the whole consideration continued

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

Fuel Sales Grants Bill 2000  
Fuel Sales Grants (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000  
Pooled Development Funds Amendment Bill 1999  
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 10) 1999

#### *Without requests*

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment Bill 2000

#### *With amendments*

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

Product Grants and Benefits Administration Bill 2000 ([3 Government](#))

### The following messages were reported from the House of Representatives

A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) 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]

Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]

New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill 1999–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate and had made identical amendments [The Senate commenced consideration of this message, but as it involved a dispute with the House of Representatives about whether the Senate’s amendments should have been requests, the Senate agreed to defer consideration to enable more information to be provided]

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

### Committees

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#### Reports tabled

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Publications Committee–[15th Report](#) (report adopted)

#### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Access to heritage: User charges in museums, art galleries and national parks–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Fair market or market failure? A review of Australia’s retailing sector–Retailing Sector Joint Select Committee

#### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Discharged: Senator Mason; Appointed: Senator Brandis
- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation and References Committees: Discharged: Senator Tchen; Appointed: Senator Brandis
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee: Discharged: Senator Calvert; Appointed: Senator Brandis
- House Standing Committee: Senator Brandis appointed
- Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee: Discharged: Senator Payne; Appointed: Senator Brandis
- Senators’ Interests Standing Committee: Senator Brandis appointed

#### Meeting

The Senate agreed that the Economics Legislation Committee may hold a public meeting to consider the A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Bill (No. 2) 2000, the Sales Tax (Customs) (Industrial Safety Equipment) Bill 2000 and two related bills while the Senate is sitting on 19 June 2000

#### Reporting dates

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

- Australia in relation to Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committees–29 June 2000

- ❑ Economic, social and political conditions in East Timor–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committees–17 August 2000
- ❑ Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000–Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services–31 October 2000
- ❑ Initial terms of reference–Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services–7 December 2000

### **Notice of motion given**

*To hold a private meeting with members of a State parliamentary committee*

- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee–22 June 2000

### **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Notices of motion given**

Notices of motion were given to disallow 13 [Native Title determinations](#)–15 sitting days after 8 June 2000

### **Motion agreed to**

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) without debate which related to welfare services for Victorian school students–Moved by Senator Allison

### **Motion debated**

The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator Bishop in relation to Radio Australia and the Cox Peninsula radio transmitter

### **Notices of motion**

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

### **Ministerial statement**

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts made a statement relating to current events in the Solomon Islands and evacuation procedures for Australians in the area

### **Orders for the return of documents**

#### *Statement tabled*

A statement was tabled relating to the Senate's order for documents about the operation of the Albury-based airline ARCAS, which trades as Air Facilities (in response to a motion moved by Senator O'Brien on 5 June 2000 and agreed to by the Senate on 7 June 2000). The documents were not tabled and Senator O'Brien made a [statement](#) in response.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Fuel Sales Grants Scheme](#)—Invitation and attachment
- ❑ Travelling allowances payments made by the Departments of the Senate and Finance and Administration to senators and members—July to December 1999

## Petitions

2 [petitions](#) were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were further discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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