



Senate Daily Summary

4 September 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.49pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—
committee of the whole consideration continued (2 Government amendments
agreed to; 1 Opposition amendment agreed to; 1 Government amendment to
1 Opposition amendment pending)

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000—
Notice of motion given by Senator Brown

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

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Additional information received by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2000–01 was tabled (volumes 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- A watching brief: The nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO's public reporting activities—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Joint Committee
- Building Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America— Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

- ❑ From phantom to force: towards a more efficient and effective army—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Not the Hilton—Immigration detention centres: Inspection report—Migration Joint Committee
- ❑ Privileges Committee—94th Report—Possible Senate representation in court proceedings. The Senate **adopted** the report's recommendation that the Senate authorise the President, if required, to engage counsel as *amicus curiae* in certain court actions
- ❑ Privileges Committee—95th Report—Penalties for contempt: Information paper

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—Senator Greig discharged as substitute member and Senator Allison appointed to replace Senator Murray for matters relating to resources
- ❑ Economics References Committee—Senator Greig discharged as substitute member and Senator Allison appointed to replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to resources

New inquiry

Motion defeated

- ❑ A motion to refer the constitutionality of the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000 to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee **was defeated**

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Economics References Committee—5 September 2000 from 6pm
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—6 September 2000 from 6.30pm to 8pm

To extend reporting deadline

- ❑ Report on the government's response to the recommendations contained in *Bringing Them Home*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—28 November 2000

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ Fremantle Artillery Barracks and related matters—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2001

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given to withdraw a notice to disallow the Australian Postal Corporation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 76 and made under the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*

Notices of motion withdrawn

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow certain instruments were withdrawn

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate which related to:

- ❑ [Work for the Dole program](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [World Summit for Social Development](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ 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 Comcare and the Department of Defence were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [Statement by the President](#) about the Apprentice of the Year Award
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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