



# Senate Daily Summary

12 October 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.43pm

## Legislation

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

### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

Aged Care Amendment Bill 2000

### **The following bills were passed**

*Without amendments*

Commonwealth Electoral Legislation (Provision of Information) Bill 2000 [The bill will now be assented to]

*With amendments*

[Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill \(No. 1\) 2000](#)—(2 items negatived, 8 Opposition amendments agreed to (one amended by an Independent amendment) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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

Migration Legislation Amendment (Parents and Other Measures) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House 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

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

## Committees

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

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*Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the Community Affairs Legislation Committee was tabled

### Reports tabled

- ❑ *Air safety and cabin air quality in the BAe 146 aircraft*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- ❑ *An Extradition Agreement with Latvia and an Agreement with the United States of America on Space Vehicle Tracking and communication*—Treaties Joint Committee—36<sup>th</sup> Report
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—7th report of 2000—CSIRO Energy Centre at Steel River, Newcastle, NSW
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—8th report of 2000—RAAF Base Edinburgh redevelopment stage 1, Adelaide
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—9th report of 2000—Fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Belconnen, ACT
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—10th report of 2000—Development of 90 apartments in Darwin
- ❑ Publications Committee—[19th Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—109<sup>th</sup> Report—Annual report 1999-2000
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 17 of 2000](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ *States Grants (Primary and Second Education Assistance) Bill 2000*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee
- ❑ *Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2000*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee

### Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ *Jabiluka—The undermining of process—Inquiry into the Jabiluka mine uranium project*—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—Senator Faulkner discharged, Senator Crowley appointed
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Senator Sandy Macdonald to replace Senator McGauran for the consideration of the Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Senator Sandy Macdonald to replace Senator Crane for all matters except the consideration of the Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Senator Sandy Macdonald to replace Senator Crane from 13 to 24 October 2000

### New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—[Capacity of public universities](#) to meet Australia's higher education needs and related matters—to report by the first sitting day in August 2001
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—[Education of gifted and talented children](#) and related matters—to report by the last sitting day in June 2001

### 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–8 November 2000
- Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–20 October 2000

### Delegated legislation

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

### Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High Quality Beef Export to the European Union) Order 2000, made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*–15 sitting days after today–by Senator Forshaw

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

### Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Breast Cancer Day](#)–moved by Senator Crossin
- [Operation Totem 47th anniversary](#)–moved by Senator Allison

### Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Lundy) about the government's Information Technology Outsourcing Program

### Notices of motion

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

### Question on notice–failure to provide answer

Senator Cook asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation for answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 2856, 2899 and 2904. The Assistant Treasurer indicated that answers would be provided.

### Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- Conference of Presiding Officers of National Parliaments, UN Headquarters, New York, 30 August to 1 September 2000–Report

- Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000–  
Pamphlet: *Australian Army doctrine 3-8-5: Defence Force aid to civilian  
authorities, 2000*
- No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

No petitions were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- [Statement](#) by Senator Harris about youth suicide
- Government documents and committee reports were further discussed
- Adjournment debate

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