



Senate Daily Summary

16 August 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.52pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme Extension Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

Without amendments

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 11) 1999

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill 1998—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert digest No. 10 of 2000 and 10th report of 2000 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 11 of 2000](#) (tabled, amended and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Meeting

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

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–16 August 2000 from 5 to 7pm

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ East Timor–Economic, social and political conditions–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–7 September 2000
- ❑ Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000–Economics Legislation Committee–17 August 2000
- ❑ Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000 and a related bill–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–30 August 2000

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–17 August 2000 from 4 to 6pm

Delegated legislation

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

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the National Health (Lifetime Health Cover) Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 106 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the rules.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow Part 3.1 of the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 2), as contained in item 3 of Schedule 1 of Statutory Rules 2000 No. 77 and made under the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Tax Act 1999*

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate to enable the Senate to adjourn at 6pm on 10 October 2000

Notices of motion

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

Order for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Carr gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs to table draft guidelines on the calculation of SES scores and certain SES scores (no later than immediately after question time on the next day of sitting, ie. 28 August 2000)

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

- ❑ Senator Ray asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care for an explanation why an answer had not been provided to a question about entertainment expenses. An explanation was not provided and the Senate agreed to a motion noting the Minister's failure to provide an answer.
- ❑ Senator Ray also asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation why answers had not been provided to questions about the provision of the electronic version of the electoral roll to the Australian Taxation Office. 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)
- ❑ No government documents were tabled
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution relating to National Youth Week

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of urgency (on petrol pricing)
- ❑ Valedictory statements on the resignation of Senator Quirke
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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