



Senate Daily Summary

9 November 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.09pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Australian Research Council Bill 2000

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2000

The following bills were considered

Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate began

[States Grants \(Primary and Secondary Education Assistance\) Bill 2000](#)—committee of the whole commenced (3 Opposition amendments agreed to, 1 Democrat amendment pending)

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

[Family Law Amendment Bill 2000](#)—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate
National Crime Authority Amendment Bill 2000 (No. 2)—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment

[These bills will now be assented to]

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- ❑ *Aspiring to excellence: Quality of vocational education and training in Australia*–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee
- ❑ *Cookie monsters? Privacy in the information society*–Information Technologies Select Committee
- ❑ *Format of portfolio budget statements: Third Report*–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[20th Report](#) (report adopted)

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ *Mandatory bid rule*–Corporations and Securities Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Senator Watson to replace Senator Tchen on 24 November 2000
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Senator Watson to replace Senator Tchen on 24 November 2000
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Senator Coonan to replace Senator Lightfoot on 22 November 2000; Senator Gibson to replace Senator Lightfoot on 24 November 2000
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee: Senator McGauran to replace Senator Sandy Macdonald on 24 November 2000; Senator Calvert to replace Senator Ferguson from 10 to 15 December 2000

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- ❑ Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies–Economics References Committee–6 December 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Determination disallowed

The Senate [agreed to disallow](#) the Native Title (Right to negotiate–Alternative Provisions) (Western Australia Laws about Alternative Provision Areas) Determination 2000, made under paragraph 43A(1)(b) of the *Native Title Act 1993*–moved by Senator Bolkus

Notices of motion given

- ❑ A notice of motion was given to disallow [5 instruments](#)—15 sitting days after today—by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee
- ❑ A notice of motion was given to enable seven disallowance motions relating to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000 to be debated together (but voted on separately)—27 November 2000—by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

2001 sitting pattern

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology setting up the 2001 days of meeting for the Senate

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about the [Advanced English for Migrants Program](#)—moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism to table documents about the grant application by Forestry Tasmania and the approval of the Dismal Swamp project held by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (no later than immediately after question time on the next day of sitting)—motion moved by Senator Brown

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator Cook again asked the Assistant Treasurer for an explanation for answers not being provided to four questions on notice. An explanation was provided and [answers were provided](#) to two questions. The Senate took note of the explanation.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—[various documents](#)
- ❑ ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation (AIPO)—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 21st General Assembly
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 15 of 2000-2001—Agencies' performance monitoring of Commonwealth Government Business Enterprises
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Annual Report 1999-2000
- ❑ [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to on 9 October 2000) about Reconciliation Committees

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 and government responses were further discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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