



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 7 December 2000

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The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.17am on Friday 8 December 2000

The Senate has now completed its summer sittings for 2000 and will commence the autumn sittings on [6 February 2001](#)

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Australian Heritage Council Bill 2000

Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Concession Cards) Bill 2000

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

Gene Technology (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000

Gene Technology (Licence Charges) Bill 2000

Roads to Recovery Bill 2000

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [The House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment]

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000—[A message reported that the House of Representatives had not made amendments requested twice by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to further press the requests and passed the bill. A further message reported that the House did not agree to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on its amendments. The bill will now be assented to.] (*and see* Senate Daily Summary [10](#), [28](#) and [30](#) November 2000)

With amendments

Copyright Amendment (Moral Rights) Bill 1999–21 Government [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendments. The bill will now be assented to.]

Gene Technology Bill 2000–1 Government, 13 Opposition and 1 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#) (and see [Senate Daily Summary](#), 4 December 2000) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

National Health Amendment (Improved Monitoring of Entitlements to Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2000–4 Government (1 amended by 2 Opposition) [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendments. The bill will now be assented to.]

Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2000–1 Opposition [amendment agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives agreed to the bill as amended and made an amendment. The Senate agreed to the House amendment. The bill will now be assented to.]

With a request and amendments

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2000–1 Government request for an amendment, 5 Government, 1 Democrat and 1 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives made the Senate request and disagreed to 1 Senate amendment and agreed to the remainder. After the Senate insisted on the amendment the House continued to disagree and made a [replacement amendment](#) which the Senate agreed to. The bill will now be assented to.]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Australian Research Council Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate agreed to consider the message on a future sitting day.

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate agreed to consider the message on a future sitting day.

Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Migration Legislation Amendment (Overseas Students) Bill 2000– The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill with amendments. The Senate agreed to consider the message on a future sitting day.

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Bill 2000–The message from the House of Representatives was reported on [11 October 2000](#). The Senate insisted on 8 of its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, did not insist on 4 other amendments disagreed to by the House and made 2 substitute amendments (moved by the Opposition), disagreed to a substitute amendment made by the House and made another amendment to replace it (moved by the Opposition), and agreed to 25 further Government amendments [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on, and the [replacement and further amendments](#) made by the Senate]

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

- ▢ *East Timor–Final report*–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- ▢ *Information Technologies–Final report*–Information Technologies Select Committee
- ▢ *Public hospital funding: Second report–Healing our hospitals*–Community Affairs References Committee
- ▢ Publications Committee–[21st Report](#) (report adopted)

Documents tabled

- ▢ Senators’ Interests Committee–Register of gifts to the Senate and the Parliament incorporating declarations of gifts lodged between 3 December 1999 and 4 December 2000
- ▢ Senators’ Interests Committee–Register of senators’ interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alternations of interests lodged between 23 June 2000 and 4 December 2000

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ▢ *Third evaluation of the National Crime Authority*–National Crime Authority Joint Committee

Government responses to committee reports

The Deputy President tabled the President’s report on government responses to parliamentary committee reports still outstanding at 7 December 2000

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- ▢ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Senator Murray appointed as a participating member

New inquiries

Reference of bills

National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000–National Crime Authority Joint Committee–1 March 2001

The Senate agreed to refer the following bills to the Environment, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee for report by 28 March 2001:

- ❑ Australian Heritage Council Bill 2000
- ❑ Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000
- ❑ Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

Reporting date

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

- ❑ Air safety–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–last sitting day in March 2001

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to refer [three bills](#) to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee was withdrawn

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- ❑ Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 270 and made under the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989*
- ❑ Fishing Levy Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 271 and made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the *Fishing Levy Act 1991*

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

Motions

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#)–Restructuring–moved by Senator Bourne
- ❑ [Community radio station 4ZZZ-FM](#)–25th anniversary–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Special Broadcasting Service](#)–20th anniversary–moved by Senator Bourne

Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Brown about the [Toowoomba Sports Ground Trust](#) was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Forshaw gave notice of a motion to require the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources to table certain documents relating to the design and construction of a new nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights no later than immediately after questions without notice on 8 February 2001

Statements by Minister

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 4 December 2000 for the production of documents concerning GST-related public opinion polls (motion moved by Senator Faulkner). Senator Faulkner [responded](#). The Minister later made a further statement to which Senator Faulkner also responded.

Document tabled

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage tabled a report by KPMG for the Australian Greenhouse Office: *Derby Tidal Energy Project assessment* (in response to a motion moved by Senator Bolkus and agreed to on 4 October 2000)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Brazil and Argentina—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 15 to 29 October 2000
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Register of senior officers' interests (23 June to 4 December 2000)
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance—payments to senators and members (January to June 2000)
- ❑ Parliamentarians' travel paid by the Department of Finance and Public Administration (January to June 2000)
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions concerning:
 - ❑ [Greenfleet](#) (agreed to 4 October 2000)
 - ❑ [Parliamentarians' entitlements](#) (agreed to 2 November 2000)
 - ❑ [Sydney Olympic games](#) (agreed to 3 October 2000)

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Valedictory statements
- ❑ Adjournment—the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, 6 February 2001 at 2.00pm

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2000-01 BUDGET ESTIMATES SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS

7 December 2000

Related links

For [general information](#) about the consideration of the 2000-01 Budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc)

Portfolio budget statements and related budget papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at www.budget.gov.au

Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Education, Training and Youth Affairs; Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee reconvened to meet from 9.11am until 11.02am.

The committee **completed** its further examination of the Office of the Employment Advocate

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Senate Briefs, prepared by the Senate Procedure Office, provide general information about the estimates process:

[No. 4](#): Senate Committees

[No. 5](#): Consideration of Estimates by the Senate's Legislation Committees

[No. 13](#): Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees