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Terms of Reference

Extract from **Standing Order 24**

(1) (a) At the commencement of each parliament, a Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills shall be appointed to report, in respect of the clauses of bills introduced into the Senate, and in respect of Acts of the Parliament, whether such bills or Acts, by express words or otherwise:

(i) trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties;

(ii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon insufficiently defined administrative powers;

(iii) make rights, liberties or obligations unduly dependent upon non-reviewable decisions;

(iv) inappropriately delegate legislative powers; or

(v) insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny.

(b) The committee, for the purpose of reporting upon the clauses of a bill when the bill has been introduced into the Senate, may consider any proposed law or other document or information available to it, notwithstanding that such proposed law, document or information has not been presented to the Senate.

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- **The Committee has commented on these bills**

This Digest is circulated to all Honourable Senators.
Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 23 October 2002 by the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts. [Portfolio responsibility: Communications, Information Technology and the Arts]

Schedule 1 to the bill proposes to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* and the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* to provide for new licensing arrangements for community television services.

Schedule 2 to the bill proposes to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* to improve licensing arrangements for community broadcasting.

Schedule 3 to the bill proposes to amend the *Broadcasting Services (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1992* in relation to a Part of the *Broadcasting Act 1942* held invalid by the High Court in 1992.

The bill also contains application, savings and transitional provisions.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Commonwealth Volunteers Protection Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 23 October 2002 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

The bill proposes to establish a framework to protect people who perform voluntary work for the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority from civil liability for acts or omissions of the volunteer done, in good faith, when performing that voluntary work. Under the proposed Act, the Commonwealth or Commonwealth authority will incur the civil liability that the volunteer would have incurred had the proposed Act not been in place.

The combined definitions of Commonwealth and Commonwealth authority extend the coverage of the bill beyond Commonwealth Departments and agencies to cover organisations such as the Bureau of Meteorology, National War Memorial, Australian National Botanical Gardens, and airport fire services on Christmas Island.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

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Crimes Amendment Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 22 October 2002 by the Attorney-General. [Portfolio responsibility: Justice and Customs]

The bill proposes to amend the *Crimes Act 1914* to:

- ensure that information on a DNA database that is produced from the collection of forensic material is able to be accessed and disclosed for the purposes of advising the identity of an unknown deceased person killed as a result of the Bali bombing incident; and
- assist the Joint Investigation Team in its investigation of the Bali bombing incident.

Retrospective commencement
Item 1 of Schedule 1

By virtue of item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill, the amendments proposed by item 1 of Schedule 1 would commence on 12 October 2002. However, the purpose of those amendments is to enable Australian authorities to collect DNA samples and to undertake other aspects of forensic procedures in relation to events occurring outside Australia, such as the bombing attack in Bali.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 23 October 2002 by the Attorney-General. [Portfolio responsibility: Attorney-General]

The bill proposes to amend the *Criminal Code* (the Code) so that regulations made from the commencement of this Act specifying organisations for the purpose of the definition of ***terrorist organisation*** in Division 102 of the Code take effect in accordance with section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*. The bill also ensures that the existing regulation specifying Al Qa'ida/Islamic Army as a ***terrorist organisation*** takes effect on 21 October 2002, the date the regulation was notified in the *Gazett*e.

Retrospective operation
Clause 2

Clause 2 to this bill provides that the Act is taken to have commenced on 23 October 2002, the day on which it passed all stages in both Houses and received Royal Assent. The purpose of the bill is to amend section 102.1 of the *Criminal Code* in order to allow regulations defining terrorist organisations to come into effect on the day on which they are made rather than at the end of the period during which either House of the Parliament may have moved to disallow them. Item 3 of Schedule 1 will also ensure that regulations already made, specifying Al Qa'ida/Islamic Army as a terrorist organisation, will take effect from 21 October 2002, the date on which those regulations were notified in the *Gazette*. While this bill has some retrospective effect, the Committee considers that the retrospectivity may be necessary.

> *In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.*

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Fuel Quality Standards (Renewable Content of Motor Vehicle Fuel) Amendment Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 October 2002 by Mr Katter as a Private Member's bill.

The bill proposes to amend the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000* to provide for a regulatory regime that enables the inclusion of ethanol and other renewable fuels in motor vehicle fuels.

Commencement
Subclause 2(1)

By virtue of item 2 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill, the amendments proposed by Schedule 1 would commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation, with no limit being set on the time after Assent within which the bill must commence in any event. The bill does not appear to be accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum, so no reason is furnished for this breach of *Drafting Direction No. 2 of 2002*. The Committee **seeks the advice of the member sponsoring the bill** as to the reason for this provision.

> *Pending the Member's advice, the Committee draws Senators' attention to the provision, as it may be considered to trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties, in breach of principle 1(a)(i) of the Committee's terms of reference.*

Strict liability
Proposed new subsections 29M(2) and 29N(6)

Proposed new subsections 29M(2) and 29N(6) of the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*, to be inserted by Schedule 1 to this bill, would impose strict liability for criminal offences. However, the offences created by subsections 29M(1) and 29N(5) relate to regulatory matters of record keeping and the like, which the Committee has been prepared to accept as reasonable circumstances for the imposition of strict criminal liability.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 October 2002 by Mr Andren as a Private Member's bill.

One of a package of three bills, the bill proposes the assessment and collection of a 25 cent levy on the use of plastic bags at retail points of sale. The bill also provides for reporting requirements and contains a regulation making power.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

This bill was introduced into the Senate on 21 October 2002 by Senator Brown as a Private Senator's bill.

One of a package of three bills, the bill proposes the assessment and collection of a 25 cent levy on the use of plastic bags at retail points of sale. The bill also provides for reporting requirements and contains a regulation making power.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 October 2002 by Mr Andren as a Private Member's bill.

One of a package of three bills, the bill proposes to establish the Plastic Bag and Other Waste Minimisation of Usage and Education Fund for the purpose of educating the community about plastic bag damage to the environment. The bill also provides for reporting requirements.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Plastic Bag (Minimisation of Usage) Education Fund Bill 2002 [No. 2]

This bill was introduced into the Senate on 21 October 2002 by Senator Brown as a Private Senator's bill.

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The Committee has no comment on this bill.

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Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 23 October 2002 by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. [Portfolio responsibility: Treasury]

Schedule 1 to the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to provide exemptions from Australian tax for certain temporary residents.

Schedule 2 to the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to exempt from income tax various compensation payments to members of the Australian Defence Force and the Reserve Defence Forces.

Schedule 3 to the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and the *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to treat previously assessable income as not assessable where it must be repaid and that repayment occurs in a later year of income; and to permit amendments of income tax assessments for the year in which the amount was originally treated as assessable income despite the time limit for amendments to assessments being exceeded.

Schedule 4 to the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* to increase the level of expenses above which the medical tax offset applies from $1,250 per annum to $1,500 with effect from the 2002-2003 financial year.

Schedule 5 to the bill proposes to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to grant an income tax exemption to the Commonwealth Games Federation for income received on or after 1 January 2000 and before 1 July 2007 by the Federation in the course of staging the Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006.

The bill also contains application provisions.

Retrospective commencement
Subclause 2(1), item 6

By virtue of item 6 in the table to subclause 2(1) of this bill, the amendments proposed by item 1 of Schedule 5 would commence immediately after the commencement of the *Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 2) 1999*. However, the Explanatory Memorandum notes, in paragraph 5.7, that this amendment "is purely technical in nature, and does not adversely affect the rights and liabilities of taxpayers".

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Retrospective application
Schedule 1, item 13

By virtue of item 13 in Schedule 1, the amendments proposed by that Schedule will generally apply from 1 July 2002. However, the Explanatory Memorandum notes that these amendments are beneficial to taxpayers.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Retrospective application
Schedule 2, item 5

By virtue of item 5 in Schedule 2, the amendments proposed by that Schedule will generally apply from the 1996-97 tax year. However, the Explanatory Memorandum notes that these amendments are beneficial to taxpayers.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

Retrospective application
Schedule 3, item 7

Proposed new section 22-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*, to be inserted by item 7 of Schedule 3, will apply Division 22 of that Act from the 1996-97 tax year. However, the Explanatory Memorandum notes that the amendments contained in that Division are beneficial to taxpayers.

In the circumstances, the Committee makes no further comment on this provision.

Workplace Relations Amendment (Emergency Services) Bill 2002

This bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 21 October 2002 by Mr McClelland as a Private Member's bill.

The bill proposes to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1986* to provide employment protection to employees who take part in emergency operations as members of an emergency services organisation. The bill applies to Commonwealth public sector employees, Territory employees and certain Federal award employees.

The Committee has no comment on this bill.

Any Senator who wishes to draw matters to the attention of the Committee under its terms of reference is invited to do so.

PARLIAMENTARY AMENDMENTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

AMENDMENTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (21-24 October)

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002: On 23 October 2002, the House of Representatives agreed to amend this bill. The amendments raise no issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

AMENDMENTS IN THE SENATE (21-24 October)

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002: On 23 October 2002, the Senate agreed to amend this bill. Proposed subsection 90ML(4A) reverses the onus of proof for an offence relating to certain payments by a superannuation trustee. The burden, however, is evidentiary only and the matters in question appear to be within the peculiar knowledge of the defendant. In these circumstances, the Committee has previously accepted such provisions.

Apart from this, the Committee makes no comment on the amendments.

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STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF BILLS

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Bills dealt with in 2001							
Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001	14(26.9.01)	20.9.01	26.9.01	Transport and Regional Services	27.9.01	31.12.01	1(20.2.02)
Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Act 2001	13(20.9.01)	18.9.01	20.9.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	20.9.01	6.02.02	1(20.2.02)
Defence Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001	12(19.9.01)	29.8.01	24.9.01	Defence	20.9.01	8.11.01	1(20.2.02)
Electoral and Referendum Amendment Act (No. 1) 2001	4(28.3.01)	7.3.01	2.4.01	Finance and Administration	29.3.01	4.5.01	6(23.5.01)
				Further response required	24.5.01	10.1.02	1(20.2.02)
Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001]	1(7.2.01) 8(27.6.01)		7.12.00	Environment and Heritage	28.6.01	20.8.01	10(22.8.01)
				Further response required	23.8.01	26.9.01	1(20.2.02)
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Act 2001	9(8.8.01)	25.6.01	24.5.01	Environment and Heritage **re Amendments**	23.8.01	18.10.01	1(20.2.02)
Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001	10(22.8.01)	8.8.01	23.8.01	Health and Aged Care	23.8.01	8.10.01	1(20.2.02)

NAME OF BILL	ALERT DIGEST	INTRODUCED HOUSE	INTRODUCED SENATE	MINISTER	RESPONSE SOUGHT	RESPONSE RECEIVED	REPORT NUMBER
Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Act 2001	13(20.9.01)	18.9.01	20.9.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	20.9.01	6.2.02	1(20.2.02)
Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2001	13(20.9.01)	18.9.01	20.9.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	20.9.01	6.2.02	1(20.2.02)
Migration Legislation Amendment Act (No. 6) 2001	13(20.9.01)	28.8.01	24.9.01	Immigration and Multicultural Affairs	20.9.01	6.2.02	1(20.2.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 5) 2001	11(29.8.01)	23.8.01	26.9.01	Treasurer	30.8.01	18.9.01	1(20.2.02)
Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications) Act 2001	10(22.8.01)	9.8.01	19.9.01	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	23.8.01 20.9.01	17.9.01 25.9.01	12(19.9.01) FRR13(26.9.01) 1(20.2.02)

NAME OF BILL	ALERT DIGEST	INTRODUCED HOUSE	INTRODUCED SENATE	MINISTER	RESPONSE SOUGHT	RESPONSE RECEIVED	REPORT NUMBER
Bills being dealt with in 2002							
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	16.5.02	Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02 20.6.02	13.5.02 28.6.02	FRR5(19.6.02) 8(21.8.02)
Airports Amendment Bill 2002	1(20.2.02)	14.2.02	--	Transport and Regional Services	21.2.02	6.5.02	DC
Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Environment and Heritage	22.8.02	21.10.02	
Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Environment and Heritage	22.8.02	21.10.02	
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	20.6.02	Health and Ageing	16.5.02	4.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	15.10.02	Attorney-General	16.5.02	27.9.02	12(16.10.02)
Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	23.4.02	4(15.5.02)
Coal Industry Repeal Act 2001	1(20.2.02)	28.6.00	5.4.01	Industry, Science and Resources	21.2.02	11.3.02	2(13.3.02)
Coal Industry Repeal (Validation of Proclamation) Act 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	13.3.02	Industry, Tourism and Resources	14.3.02	22.3.02	4(15.5.02)
Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	22.8.02	16.9.02	

NAME OF BILL	ALERT DIGEST	INTRODUCED HOUSE	INTRODUCED SENATE	MINISTER	RESPONSE SOUGHT	RESPONSE RECEIVED	REPORT NUMBER
Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02		Attorney-General	21.3.02	5.6.02	
Corporate Responsibility and Employment Security Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	11.3.02	--	Mr McClelland	21.3.02	--	DC
Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Bill 2002	1(20.2.02)	13.2.02	11.3.02	Attorney-General	21.2.02 14.3.02 21.3.02	8.3.02 19.3.02 4.4.02	2(13.3.02) 3(20.3.02) 4(15.5.02)
Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002 (new citation: Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) Bill 2002)	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	16.9.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	14.6.02	9(28.8.02)
Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	6(26.6.02	19.6.02	22.8.02	Justice and Customs	27.6.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002	9(18.9.02)	28.8.02	23.9.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	19.9.02		
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Roll Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02		Special Minister of State	21.3.02	30.4.02	
Excise Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	11(16.10.02)	26.9.02	17.10.02	Treasurer	17.10.02	23.10.02	14(13.11.02)
Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	15.5.02	12.3.02	Treasury	21.3.02	3.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	20.6.02	Treasury	16.5.02	17.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	7(21.8.02)	26.6.02		Treasury	22.8.02		

NAME OF BILL	ALERT DIGEST	INTRODUCED HOUSE	INTRODUCED SENATE	MINISTER	RESPONSE SOUGHT	RESPONSE RECEIVED	REPORT NUMBER
Financial Services Reform Bill 2001	6(23.5.01) 11(29.8.01)	5.4.01	9.8.01	Treasurer **re Amendments**	24.5.01 30.8.01 17.5.02	7.8.01 13.5.02 14.8.02	9(8.8.01) 4(15.5.02) 8(21.8.02)
Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001	7(20.6.01)	7.6.01	9.8.01	Treasurer **Further response requested**	21.6.01 9.8.01	7.8.01 13.5.02	9(8.8.01) 4(15.5.02)
General Insurance Reform Act 2001	9(8.8.01)	28.6.01	27.8.01	Treasurer **re Amendments**	9.8.01 30.8.01	27.8.01 24.6.02	11(29.8.01) 7(26.6.02)
Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002	5(19.6.02) 10(25.9.02)	5.6.02	22.8.02	Education, Science and Training **re Amendments** **re Amendments**	20.6.02 26.9.02 17.10.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	1(20.2.02)	14.2.02	13.3.02	Education, Science and Training	--	12.3.02	2(13.3.02)
Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Bill 2002	6(26.6.02)	19.6.02	22.8.02	Justice and Customs	27.6.02	20.8.02	9(28.8.02)
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02		Industry, Tourism and Resources	22.8.02	17.9.02	
International Criminal Court Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	25.6.02	26.6.02	Attorney-General	22.8.02		
International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002	7(21.8.02)	25.6.02	26.6.02	Attorney-General	22.8.02		
Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02		Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02	27.5.02	

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Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Act 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.3.02	Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	21.3.02	27.5.02	5(19.6.02)
Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)		13.3.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	21.3.02	23.5.02	5(19.6.02)
Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.8.02	Justice and Customs	21.3.02	9.5.02	8(21.8.02)
Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	20.8.02	Justice and Customs	21.3.02	9.5.02	8(21.8.02)
Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02	21.3.02	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	21.3.02		
Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]	3(20.3.02)	13.3.02	14.3.02	Attorney-General	21.3.02	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Superannuation Legislation (Commonwealth Employment) Repeal and Amendment Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	21.2.02	19.6.02	Finance and Administration	14.3.02	16.5.02	FRR5(19.6.02)
Suppression of Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	--	--	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	3(20.3.02)	14.3.02	24.6.02	Treasury	21.3.02	25.6.02	7(26.6.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	15.10.02	Treasury	16.5.02	27.9.02	12(16.10.02)
Taxation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2002	5(19.6.02)	14.5.02	19.6.02	Treasurer	20.6.02		
Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002	3(20.3.02)	12.3.02	14.3.02	--	--	14.5.02	4(15.5.02)

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Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	20.3.02	Health and Ageing	14.3.02	19.3.02	3(20.3.02)
Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002	9(18.9.02)	27.6.02	28.8.02	Treasurer	19.9.02 24.10.02	22.10.02	13(23.10.02)
Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	14.3.02	Transport and Regional Services	14.3.02		
Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002	6(26.6.02)	20.6.02	15.10.02	Transport and Regional Services **Briefing**	27.6.02 21.10.02 24.10.02	17.9.02 12.11.02	12(16.10.02) 13(23.10.02) 14(13.11.02)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	28.8.02	Veterans' Affairs	16.5.02	27.6.02	10(18.9.02)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002	7(21.8.02)	27.6.02	26.8.02	Veterans' Affairs	22.8.02	29.8.02	11(25.8.02)
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	21.2.02	21.3.02	Veterans' Affairs	14.3.02	19.3.02	3(20.3.02)
Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002	2(13.3.02)	20.2.02	19.6.02	Employment and Workplace Relations	14.3.02 20.6.02	22.5.02 9.8.02	FRR5(19.6.02) 8(21.8.02)
Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Bill 2002	4(15.5.02)	21.3.02	15.10.02	Employment and Workplace Relations	16.5.02	19.8.02	12(16.10.02)