



# Senate Daily Summary

## Thursday 8 February 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.44pm

### Legislation

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

#### **The following bills were introduced in the Senate**

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001

Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

#### **The following bills were considered**

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]—second reading debate began [The Opposition moved a second reading amendment to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

Customs Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate began

Excise Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate began

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

##### *Without amendments*

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000 [2001] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]

International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

##### *With amendments*

National Museum of Australia Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]—1 Government [amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill as amended]

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—1 Democrat [amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

**The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered**

Australian Research Council Bill 2000—A message was reported (on 7/12/2000) that the House of Representatives had disagreed to amendments made by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on 4 amendments (and made 3 substitute amendments) and insisted on 7 of the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The House of Representatives will now consider the substitute amendments and the amendments insisted on by the Senate]

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000—A message was reported (on 7/12/2000) that the House of Representatives disagreed to amendments made by the Senate. The Senate insisted on the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate]

**The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001

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

**Committees**

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

[For committee reports click here](#) 

**Estimates**

*Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—Estimates (Supplementary) 2000-01 (vol. 9)
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Estimates 2000-01 (vol. 5)
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Estimates (Supplementary) 2000-01 (vols 4-6)

**Reports tabled**

- Fees on electronic and telephone banking*—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Publications Committee—[22nd Report](#) (report adopted)

**Document tabled**

- Work of Committees—1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000 and consolidated statistics for 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000

### **Government responses to committee reports tabled**

- *A sanctuary under review: An examination of Australia's refugee and humanitarian determination processes*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- *Deregulation of the Australian Dairy Industry*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- *Jobs for the regions: A report on the inquiry into regional employment and unemployment*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee
- *Review of Audit Report No. 34 1997-98—New Submarine Project: Department of Defence*—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- *The format of the Portfolio Budget Statements—Third report*—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- *The Hinchinbrook Channel inquiry*—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- *Two Treaties Tabled on 26 May 1998, the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group Protocol and Treaties Tabled on 11 November 1998—20<sup>th</sup> Report*—Treaties Joint Committee

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to various [changes](#) to committee memberships

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that the House of Representatives Privileges Committee requested that the Senate give leave to certain senators to appear before the committee

### **Other motion agreed to**

#### *Allocation of Department to committees*

The Senate agreed to allocate the new Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to the Finance and Public Administration legislative and general purpose standing committees

### **Reporting dates**

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees 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—8 March 2001
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—8 March 2001

## 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 regulation 8 of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 2 and made under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*—on 27 February 2001—by Senator Brown

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

## Motion agreed to

- [Mandatory sentencing laws](#)—Northern Territory—moved by Senator Brown (without debate)

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate [ordered](#) that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission table a report on competition in the grocery industry (as soon as practicable after 30 June 2001)—motion moved by Senator Murray

### *Statement by Minister and tabling of document*

The Minister for Justice and Customs made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 6 February 2001 for the production of documents relating to the new reactor at Lucas Heights and tabled [certain documents](#). A motion to note the statement moved by [Senator Forshaw](#) was debated.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 21 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Management of the National Highways System Program—Department of Transport and Regional Services
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

## Petitions

[5 petitions](#) were received

## 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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