



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 22 May 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 9.12pm

Budget 2001-02

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The Assistant Treasurer gave and tabled the Budget statement for the year 2001-02 and also [tabled](#) associated budget papers and ministerial statements. The Opposition, minor parties and independent senators will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday 24 May 2001.

The Senate [agreed to a motion](#) by the Assistant Treasurer to refer documents to legislation committees to enable the committees to examine the proposed budget (estimates hearings). The committees are due to report to the Senate on 22 June 2001. Portfolio Budget Statements for the [parliamentary](#) and [executive departments](#) were also tabled.

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

The following bill was considered

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001—committee of the whole began ([14 Opposition amendments](#) agreed to)

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular parts of Acts would commence

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2000-01 (volume 2)
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Supplementary hearings—Budget estimates 2000-01 (volume 2)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation committee—Additional estimates 2000-01 (volumes 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- Corporations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2001* (NSW) and the Corporations Bill 2001 and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2001—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Electromagnetic radiation*—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Enforcement of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge*—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001] and two related bills—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Privileges and immunities of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea; and the Treaties tabled on 27 February and 6 March 2001 (Report No. 39)—Treaties Joint Committee
- Public Works (Joint Committee)—5th report of 2001—Site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure at the Defence site at Ermington, New South Wales
- Rough justice?: An investigation into allegations of brutality in the Army's parachute battalion*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Government responses

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High Quality Beef Export to the European Union) Order 2000—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Quality of Vocational Education and Training in Australia*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Stott Despoja discharged as a participating member
- Community Affairs References Committee—Senator Lees to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to health
- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation and References Committees—Senator Lees to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to employment and training

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–
 - Senator Greig to replace Senator Bartlett for matters relating to information technology
 - Senator Stott Despoja discharged as a substitute member
 - Senator Stott Despoja appointed as a participating member for matters relating to information technology
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–Senator Greig appointed as a participating member for matters relating to information technology
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–
 - Senator Greig appointed as a participating member for the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative
 - Senator Stott Despoja discharged as a participating member

Reporting date

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

- Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2001 and two related bills–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–23 May 2001

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–24 May 2001 from 4.30pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- Charter of Public Honesty Bill 2000 and three related bills–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–27 September 2001
- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000–Corporations and Securities Joint Committee–21 June 2001
- Sale of the Christmas Island resort– National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–24 September 2001
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–Initial terms of reference–27 September 2001

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Recognition of Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body 2001 (No.1), made under subsection 203AD(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* was withdrawn

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [National Youth Week](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Conroy gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Treasurer to table all documents relating to certain representations made since March 1996 by, or on behalf of, HIH Insurance Pty Ltd and/or all associated companies (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 24 May 2001)

Documents tabled

- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 32 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Defence Cooperation Program—Department of Defence
- Auditor-General—Report No. 33 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force Reserves—Department of Defence
- Auditor-General—Report No. 34 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Assessment of new claims for the age pension by Centrelink—Centrelink
- Auditor-General—Report No. 35 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Family and Community Services’ oversight of Centrelink’s assessment of new claims for the age pension—Department of Family and Community Services
- Auditor-General—Report No. 36 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Municipal services for Indigenous communities—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
- Centenary of the first meetings of the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament—[Letter](#) from the Presiding Officers of the Houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom
- [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Report of the delegation to the 46th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, United Kingdom, September 2000
- [A Government document](#), and Government [documents presented since the last sitting](#) of the Senate

- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - [Australian women in agriculture](#) (agreed to 8 March 2001)
 - [Biodiesel fuel](#) (agreed to 8 March 2001)
- Survey of senators' satisfaction with services provided by the department—
Department of the Senate

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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