



# Senate Daily Summary

## Tuesday 27 March 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.40pm

### Legislation

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

#### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

Migration Legislation Amendment (Integrity of Regional Migration Schemes) Bill 2000

#### **The following bill was considered**

Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Bill 2000—second reading debate began [This bill was introduced in the Senate earlier in the day. The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

#### **The following message from the House of Representatives was reported**

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2001—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [This bill 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*

- 2000-01 Additional Estimates—[6 legislation committees](#) tabled 2000-01 Additional Estimates Reports

#### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to Budget Estimates 2000-01 (Supplementary hearings) was tabled (volumes 3 and 4)

#### **Report tabled**

- *Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) Bill 2001*—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

## Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Economics References Committee—Senator Sherry appointed as a participating member

## New inquiries

### *Reference of matter*

- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—Issues arising from the committee's report on the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—to report by 24 May 2001

### *Reference of a bill*

- Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—to report by 23 May 2001

## Meetings

### *Public meeting*

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—29 March 2001 from 3.30pm

## Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Additional estimates 2000-01—Economics Legislation Committee—29 March 2001
- Additional estimates 2000-01—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—3 April 2001
- Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2000—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—3 April 2001
- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—5 April 2001
- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—24 May 2001
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001] and two related bills—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—4 April 2001
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—5 April 2001

## Notices of motion given

### *To extend reporting deadlines*

- Air safety—Rural and Regional and Transport References Committee—5 April 2001
- Disposal of Defence properties—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—24 May 2001

## Delegated legislation

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

The Senate debated motions to disallow various parts of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the parts.

## Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 305 and made under the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987* was withdrawn

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Consideration of the Advance](#) to the Minister for Finance and the Advance to the President of the Senate—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- [Australia Television](#)—moved by Senator Crossin
- [Foot and mouth disease](#)—moved by Senator Macdonald

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Statement by Minister*

The Minister for Family and Community Services [made a statement](#) about the Senate order requiring the Minister for Health and Aged Care to table certain documents about the listing of Celebrex and Voixx and the appointment of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (no later than 4pm on 27 March 2001)—motion moved by Senator Evans. The Minister indicated that the documents would be tabled as soon as possible.

### *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 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)

## Petitions

[4 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Matter of public importance debate about the National Competition Council
- Government documents were discussed
- The President advised the chamber of the death of Mr Vincent Martin MP (former Member for Banks) on 10 March 2001
- Adjournment debate

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