

# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 2 December 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.29pm

## Legislation

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### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

### The following bill was considered

- Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued ([2 amendments](#) moved by Senator Barnett postponed; [2 amendments](#) moved by Senator Collins agreed to, [1 amendment](#) moved by Senator Hogg agreed to, [1 amendment](#) moved by Senator Bishop agreed to, and [1 amendment](#) moved by Senator Nettle to be determined)

### No bills were passed

### Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry (Bali Bombings) Bill 2002—  
Notice of motion given by Senator Brown [Private senator's bill]

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## Delegated legislation

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## Committees

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee—Annual Report for 2001-02.
- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002—Interim report—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Review of Australia's preparedness to manage the consequences of a terrorist attack—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- ❑ Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund Joint Committee—Senator Johnston appointed

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer to the Treaties Joint Committee the [proposed agreement](#) between the Government and the United States of America, pursuant to which Australia would agree not to surrender US nationals to the International Criminal Court without the consent of the US

### Notices of motion given

#### *To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy—Superannuation Select Committee—12 December 2002
- ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—5 December 2002

#### *To refer matters to a committee*

- ❑ The financial sustainability of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), including the assumptions of the forward estimates of the cost of the PBS to the Commonwealth Government, and [related matters](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 18 September 2003

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Greenhouse gas emissions](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Ivory trade](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Tobacco and health](#)—moved by Senator Allison

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notices of motion given*

- ❑ To require that the Government's submission to the Remuneration Tribunal's major review of judicial and related officers' remuneration be tabled (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 5 December 2002)—by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ To require the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table all [documents](#) relating to the possible inclusion of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme as an item for discussion in negotiations for an Australian-United States free trade agreement (no later than 4pm on 4 December 2002)—by Senator Nettle
- ❑ To require the Minister for Health and Ageing to table all [documents](#) relating to the inter-departmental committee examining the effectiveness of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (no later than 4pm on 4 December 2002)—by Senator Nettle

### *Statement by Minister*

The Minister for the Arts and Sport made a [statement](#) relating to the [order](#) of the Senate of 19 November (moved by Senator Conroy) for the production of documents concerning the supervision by the Insurance and Superannuation Commission of certain insurance companies. The statement indicated that the Government would comply with the order as soon as possible. Senator Conroy made a [statement](#) relating to the matter.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. [18](#) of 2002-03—Business support process audit—Management of trust monies
- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. [19](#) of 2002-03—Performance audit—The Australian Taxation Office's management of its relationship with tax practitioners
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Military action against Iraq—Letter from the Prime Minister responding to a [resolution](#) of the Senate of 22 October 2002. The Senate took note of the document.
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal relating to the construction of additional security elements, including vehicular access gates and bollards, to prevent access to the Ministerial entry by unauthorised vehicles. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval for the proposed works.

## Petitions

3 [petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President advised the chamber of the death of former senator for South Australia, Gordon Sinclair Davidson. The Senate supported a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer gave notice of a motion that Senator Santoro may make his first speech immediately after prayers on 4 December 2002
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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