



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 11 March 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.37pm

New senator sworn in

Senator Guy [Barnett](#) (Liberal Party, Tasmania) was sworn in to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Brian Gibson

Ministerial arrangements

Senator Hill made a [statement](#) informing the Senate of a change to ministerial representation

Hours of meeting

A [notice of motion](#) was given to vary the hours of meeting on Tuesday, 12 March 2002

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2002

Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Bill 2002

Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2002

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment Bill 2002

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002

Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Australian Green [amendment](#) pending)

No bills were passed

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002–
Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002–Notice of
motion given by Senator Stott Despoja and Senator Murray [Private senators' bill]

Proclamation

[A proclamation](#) by the Governor-General was tabled announcing when a particular
Act would commence

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 Environment, Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee relating to Estimates
2001-02 was tabled (volumes 1 to 4)

Reports tabled

- Matters referred to committees in the previous parliament–Two committees [see
Journals entries [26](#) and [27](#)]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest](#) No. 1 of 2002 and [1st report](#) of 2002
[contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Membership

Appointment of members

The Senate agreed to appoint senators to [various](#) committees [see *Journals* entries [3](#) and
[33](#)]

Statement

The Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee [made a
statement](#) about the 70th anniversary of the committee

Outstanding government responses

The President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary
committee reports as at 14 February 2002 was tabled

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–to take evidence for
the committee's inquiry on the 2001-02 additional estimates for the Department
of Veterans' Affairs–12 March 2002 from 6pm to 7.30pm
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to take evidence for the
committee's inquiry on the 2001-02 additional estimates–12 March 2002 from
7.00pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ 2001-02 additional estimates–Economics Legislation–19 March 2002
- ❑ 2001-02 additional estimates–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee–21 March 2002
- ❑ 2001-02 additional estimates–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–21 March 2002
- ❑ 2001-02 additional estimates–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–21 March 2002

To reconvene an estimates hearing

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–to hear further evidence about the responsibilities of the Australian Office of Financial Management–13 March 2002 from 9am until no later than 1pm

To consider the Advance to the Finance Minister

- ❑ Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2001 be considered in committee of the whole by the Senate when legislation committees report on their examination of the Advance

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [teaching vacancies](#)–moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

The Leader of the Australian Democrats gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Health and Ageing to table various documents relating to the post-September 11 security review of the nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 18 March 2002)

Documents tabled

- ❑ A letter of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as amended 27 September 2001*) for the [Dairy Adjustment Board](#) was tabled
- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 (*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. 33 of 2001-2002–Assurance and control assessment audit

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 34 of 2001-2002–Assurance and control assessment audit–Management of travel: Use of taxis
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 35 of 2001-2002–ATO progress in addressing the cash economy
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the refurbishment of the former Communications Centre in the John Gorton Building. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the construction of two outdoor playgrounds for the childcare centre to be constructed in the Treasury Building. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.

Petitions

[6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The Deputy President advised the chamber of the death of former Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, on 21 February 2002. The Senate supported a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate
- ❑ The Deputy President advised the chamber of the death of former member for the division of Stirling, Earl Douglas Cash (on 15 February 2002)
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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