



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 12 February 2002

The Senate met from 10.30am until 7.19pm. The Senate agreed to meet on Wednesday 13 February 2002.

Opening of 40th Parliament

The Governor-General opened the first session of the 40th Parliament in the Senate chamber. The Governor-General also gave the [opening speech](#) outlining the government's proposed legislation program for the session. The Governor-General's speech will be debated and will provide the Senate's formal response (the Address-in-reply) to the opening speech.

New senators sworn in

Senators for the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory, Senator [Crossin](#) (Australian Labor Party), Senator [Lundy](#) (Australian Labor Party), Senator [Reid](#) (Liberal Party) and Senator [Scullion](#) (Country Liberal Party), were sworn in

Senator Richard [Colbeck](#) (Liberal Party, Tasmania) was sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator the Hon. Jocelyn Newman

Ministerial arrangements

Senator Hill advised the Senate of [ministerial arrangements](#) and the [appointments](#) of Government Whip and Deputy Government Whip in the Senate

Other party arrangements

The Leaders in the Senate of the [Opposition](#), [Australian Democrats](#) and the [National Party](#) of Australia advised the Senate of various party appointments

Days of meeting for 2002

A [notice of motion](#) was given to establish the days of meeting for the Senate for 2002

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

No bills were considered or passed

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

The messages reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the following bills [The bills have been assented to, *see Assent* entry below]:

Cybercrime Bill 2001

Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

New Business Tax System (Debt and Equity) Bill 2001

New Business Tax System (Thin Capitalisation) Bill 2001

Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [1998]

Royal Commissions and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

A message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in place of amendments disagreed to by the House in the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001 [The bill has been assented to, *see Assent* entry below]

Notices of motion given

To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002

To introduce bills

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)
Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)
Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)

To restore bills

Senator Bourne gave [notice of a motion](#) to restore various bills to the *Notice Paper* [to enable consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament]

Bills assented to

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

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular Acts and parts of Acts 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 Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volumes 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- [Committee reports](#) [see *Journals* entries 17-20, 22, 24, and 26 and 27] presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Work of committees*—1 July to 31 December 2001 and consolidated statistics for 1 January to 31 December 2001

Government responses tabled

- [Government responses](#) [see *Journals* entries 33-37] to committee reports presented since the last sitting of the Senate

Documents tabled

- Consolidated register of Senate committee reports 1970 to 2001*
- Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 26 June and 6 December 2001
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—Investing superannuation funds in rural and regional Australia—Issues paper

Notices of motion given

To establish select committees

- A Certain [Maritime Incident](#) Select Committee—to report by 16 May 2002
- Forestry and Plantation Matters Select Committee—The [administration of the](#) Plantations for Australia—The 2020 Vision Strategy—to report by 27 June 2002
- Superannuation and Insurance Select Committee—[various aspects](#) of the general insurance industry—various reporting dates

To schedule estimates

- Additional estimates 2001-02—legislation committees—to report by 13 March 2002
- Budget estimates 2001-02—legislation committees—to report by 19 June 2002

To allocate departments and agencies to legislative and general purpose standing committees

- Various departments and agencies—legislative and general purpose standing committees

To refer a bill and related matters to a committee

- Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002 and associated matters—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 21 March 2002

To refer certain matters to a committee

- Asylum seekers and refugees—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 19 June 2002

Delegated legislation

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

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

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice for [various agencies](#) were tabled (*order agreed to 20 June 2001 and amended 27 September 2001*)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Reports [Nos 14 to 30](#) of 2001-2002—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Business of the Senate*—1 January to 31 December 2001 [a digest of all business considered by the Senate in the calendar year 2001]
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Independence of Slovenia—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Slovenia, dated 16 January 2002
- Independent Auditor—Performance audit—ANAO audit management processes
- Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—10th edition—Supplement updates to 31 December 2001
- [Parliamentary annual reports](#) [see *Journals* entries 28–31] presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Questions on notice—Summary for the period 10 November 1998 to 31 December 2001
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - [Australian Muslim community](#) (agreed to 25 September 2001)
 - [Commonwealth Games](#) (agreed to 24 September 2001)
- Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests Register—Register of interests including declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 26 June 2001 and 6 December 2001

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- The President advised the chamber of the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon (on 9 February 2002).

The President [see *Journals* entries 56-58] also advised of the deaths of former senator and member David Hamer DSC (on 14 January 2002), and of former members: the Hon Albert Adermann AO (on 4 November 2001), Kay Brownbill (on 3 February 2002), the Hon Sir Frederick Chaney AFC (on 17 December 2001), the Hon Sir Gordon Freeth KBE (on 27 November 2001), and Ralph Jacobi AM (on 15 January 2002). The Senate supported condolence motions moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

- Adjournment debate

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