



Including 2001-02 additional estimates hearings for 12 March 2002

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 12 March 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 10.48pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued (1 Australian Green [amendment](#) to be determined)

No bills were passed

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

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

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volume 1)

Estimates hearing reconvened

- [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 [the motion was amended]

Advance to the Finance Minister

[The Senate agreed](#) to consider the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2001 in committee of the whole when legislation committees report on their examination of the Advance

Report tabled

- *Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Murphy be appointed as a participating member to all legislation and references committees

Meetings

Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while 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

Reporting dates

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

- 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

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees

- [Australia's relationship](#) with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 2 December 2002
- [Department of Defence](#) materiel acquisition and management framework—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 2 December 2002
- [Education of students](#) with disabilities and related matters—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in October 2002

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ Death of [Sergeant Andrew Russell](#)—moved by the Minister for Defence
- ❑ [Parliamentary Zone](#)—the construction of two outdoor playgrounds for the childcare centre in the Treasury Building
- ❑ [Parliamentary Zone](#)—the refurbishment of the former Communications Centre in the John Gorton Building

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) 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 19 March 2002)

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Allison gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Defence to table numerous documents (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 20 March 2002)
- ❑ Senator Carr gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Health and Ageing to table certain ANSTO documents (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 19 March 2002)

Documents tabled

- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [two agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Senate [agreed](#) to vary the hours of meeting on Tuesday, 12 March 2002
- ❑ [Address-in-reply](#) to the Governor-General's Opening Speech—debate
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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2001-02 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Tuesday 12 March 2002

Related links

For [general information](#) about the consideration of the 2001-02 Additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference, hearing schedules etc)

Portfolio Additional estimates statements and related budget papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at www.budget.gov.au

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Defence (including Veterans' Affairs); Foreign Affairs and Trade

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 6.00pm until 7.30pm.

The committee **completed:**

- Defence (Veterans' Affairs)
- additional estimates consideration**

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 7.05pm until 9.25pm.

- The committee **completed:** Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
- additional estimates consideration**

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