



*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

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#) 

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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

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ 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](http://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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*Committee proceedings* can be viewed on the [Internet](#) (see the estimates information document)  
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