



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 14 February 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.27pm

## Privilege

The President made a statement relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Harris concerning a search of his Mareeba electorate office conducted by the Queensland police on 27 November 2001. The matter was given priority consideration and the Senate agreed to refer [related matters](#) to the Committee of Privileges.

## Legislation

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

### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002

### **The following bill was considered**

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002—second reading debate began

### **No bills were passed**

### **Notice of motion given to introduce a bill**

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Bourne [Private senator's bill]

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

The particulars of proposed additional expenditure for 2001-2002 (the amounts contained in the Appropriation bills) [were referred](#) to Senate legislation committees—to report by 13 March 2002.

### *Documents tabled*

Portfolio additional estimates statements for a [parliamentary department](#) and [executive departments](#) were tabled

### Reports tabled

- Matters referred to committees in the previous parliament—Three [committees](#) [*see Journals* entries 29, 31 and 32]

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—to report by 14 March 2002

### Motion defeated

[A motion](#) to refer the Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee *was defeated*

### Joint committee appointments

[Messages](#) from the House of Representatives reported resolutions concerning the appointment of eight joint committees. The Senate agreed to the resolutions.

### Documents tabled

- Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### Membership

#### *Appointment of members*

The Senate agreed to appoint senators to [various committees](#) [*see Journals* entries 27 and 37]

## 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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Aboriginal death](#) in custody–Bruce Scott–moved by Senator Brown
- [Opening of parliament](#)–Indigenous participation–moved by Senator Ridgeway

## Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion moved by the Senator Conroy about public liability insurance

## Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Harris concerning the New South Wales bushfires was defeated

## Notices of motion

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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Report No. 31 of 2001-2002–Audit activity report: July to December 2001–Summary of outcomes
- Auditor-General–Report No. 32 of 2001-2002–Performance audit–Home and community care: Follow-up audit–Department of Health and Ageing
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso–Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation to the 106th Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, 9 to 14 September 2001

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Address-in-reply debate continued
- ❑ Absence of President–The President advised she would be absent from the Senate from 11 to 14 March 2002. The Senate agreed that the Deputy President would perform the duties of President in her absence.
- ❑ Former Senior Clerk of Committees–The Deputy President informed the Senate of the death (on 10 February 2002) of Arthur Higgins
- ❑ National Library of Australia–Senator Tierney was appointed to the National Library of Australia Council for a period of three years (commencing 14 February 2002)
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about the “children overboard” affair
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General’s reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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