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Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 14 May 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.40pm

Budget 2002-03

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The Minister representing the Treasurer gave and tabled the Budget statement for the year 2002-03 and also tabled [associated budget papers](#) and ministerial statements. The Opposition, minor parties and independent senators will make their responses to the Budget statement on Thursday 16 May 2002.

The Senate [agreed to a motion](#) by the Minister representing the Treasurer to refer documents to legislation committees to enable the committees to examine the proposed budget. This initiates the [estimates hearings process](#). The committees are due to report to the Senate on 19 June 2002. Portfolio Budget Statements for the [parliamentary](#) and [executive departments](#) were also tabled.

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Marriage Amendment Bill 2002

Bills restored

A motion (moved by Senator Bourne) to restore various bills to the *Notice Paper* [was agreed to](#) [to enable consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament]

No bills were passed

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2002–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transnational Movement) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to the [amendment made](#) by the Senate [The Senate will now reconsider the amendment disagreed to by the House]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No.1) 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

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

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when parts of particular 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

The particulars of proposed expenditure for 2002-2003 (the amounts contained in the appropriation bills) [were referred](#) to Senate legislation committees—to report by 19 June 2002

Reports tabled

- [Committee reports](#) [*see Journals entries 15-23*] presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Inquiry into s. 46 and s. 50 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

Government responses tabled

- [Government responses](#) [*see Journals entries 24-27*] to committee reports presented since the last sitting of the Senate

Documents tabled

- Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and four associated bills—Additional information—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various appointments](#) of participating members to committees

New inquiry

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported acquainting the Senate with a resolution of that House to refer the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 to the Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD—to report by 3 May 2002

Reporting dates

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

- Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—16 May 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Termination) Bill 2002 and four related bills—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—15 May 2002

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—16 May 2002 from 3.30 pm till 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002]

To extend reporting deadlines

- Certain Maritime Incident Select Committee—26 June 2002
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 and the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—22 May 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motion debated

The Senate [debated a motion](#) to disallow the Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 248 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Ordinance No. 4 of 2001, and made under the *Christmas Island Act 1958*—next day of sitting—by Senator Brown
- Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Regulations 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Regulations 2001 No. 1, and made under the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001—next day of sitting—by Senator Brown

*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

- 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 [various agencies](#) were tabled–Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Letters of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as amended 27 September 2001*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled–Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission–[Report](#)–Performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in relation to the tobacco industry (in response to a motion moved by Senator Allison on 24 September 2001)–Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Reports [Nos 39 to 49](#) of 2001-2002–Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- National Schools Constitution Convention 2002, Old Parliament House, 20-22 March 2002–Communique
- Qualification of senator–Two letters–[Senator Scullion](#)
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - [Arrest of Australians](#)–China (agreed to 20 March 2002)
 - [Proposed airport](#)–Northern France (agreed to 21 March 2002)

Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- The President advised the chamber of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on 30 March 2002. The Senate supported a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- The Senate [agreed to vary](#) the hours of meeting on Thursday, 16 May 2002
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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