

# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 14 November 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.53pm

## Proposed change in sitting hours

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer gave notice of a [motion](#) to vary sitting hours on 2 December 2002

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Advice Industry) Bill 2002
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—second reading agreed to [The Senate agreed to a [second reading amendment](#) on a matter of policy moved by the Australian Democrats]
- ❑ Research Involving Embryos Bill 2002—committee of the whole commenced (2 amendments moved by Senator Barnett still [to be determined](#))

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Offences Against Australians) Bill 2002
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002
- ❑ Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002
- ❑ Excise Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002



- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2002

*With amendments*

- ❑ Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 (amendments moved by Senator Murphy and Senator McLucas, also on behalf of Senator Stott Despoja, were agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

**The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Offences Against Australians) Bill 2002
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

**Notices of motion given**

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

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002
- ❑ Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002
- ❑ Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002
- ❑ Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Amendment Bill 2002

*To divide a bill*

- ❑ Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002—[Senator Bishop](#) gave notice that contingent on this bill being read a second time he would move that the committee of the whole be instructed to divide the bill into two separate bills

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

**Delegated legislation**

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

**Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 167 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1998* was withdrawn

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

## Committees

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

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### Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–392nd Report–Annual Report 2001-02, together with an erratum to the 390th report and executive minute responses to Report Nos 373, 382, 383 and 385
- ❑ Publications Committee–[5th Report](#) (report adopted)

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Conviction with compassion: Freedom of religion and belief–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Opportunities and constraints for Australia to become a centre for the provision of global financial services–Superannuation Select Committee
- ❑ Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service’s information technology–Legal and Constitutional References Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Ray be appointed a participating member of the following legislation committees for the consideration of the 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 and 22 November 2002: Community Affairs; Economics; Employment, Workplace Relations and Education; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

### Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Australian meat industry and export quotas–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–18 November 2002
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–28 November 2002
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–19 November 2002

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Deputy Chairman](#)–nominations–moved by Senator Murray
- ❑ [Diabetes](#)–moved by Senator Barnett
- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)–capital works at Reconciliation Place and Commonwealth Place–moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

## Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Allison concerning logging of Victorian native forests was defeated

## Notices of motion

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

## Ministerial statement

The Leader of the Government in the Senate informed the Senate that Senator the Hon. Ian Macdonald had been sworn in as the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation and tabled a list of the [third Howard Ministry](#)

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table certain documents concerning Australian services markets and negotiations under the GATS (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 18 November 2002)—moved by Senators Cherry and Ridgeway

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator McLucas gave a notice of motion to require that the ‘Review of the Implementation of Oceans Policy: Final report’ by TFG International, dated 25 October 2002, be tabled (at the end of taking note of answers to questions without notice on 19 November 2002)

### *Statement by Minister and documents tabled*

The Minister for Justice and Customs made a [statement](#) relating to the [order](#) of the Senate of 25 September 2002 (moved by Senator Bartlett) for the production of documents relating to the Nelly Bay Harbour project, and tabled a number of [documents](#)

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation, Vietnam, 9 to 13 September 2002, and bilateral visit to Indonesia 1 to 6 September 2002—Report
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Indigenous education and training—Ministerial statement of 14 November 2002 and National report to Parliament 2001. The Senate took note of the documents.

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[2 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
- ❑ Committee reports and government responses were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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