



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 15 May 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.45pm

## Privilege

The President made a statement relating to a matter of privilege raised by the Chair of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (Senator Cook) concerning the alleged improper interference with a witness. The matter was given priority consideration and Senator Cook gave a [notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

## Legislation

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

### **The following bills were introduced in the Senate**

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]  
Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

### **The following message from the House of Representatives was considered**

Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002—The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendment to which the House of Representatives disagreed [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Notices of motion given**

*To introduce a bill*

Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja

*To restore a bill to the Notice Paper*

Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2)—Notice of motion given by Senator Brown

*Procedural change*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer gave a notice of motion proposing a [change to procedures](#) about the consideration of bills in committee of the whole

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

*Additional information tabled*

- Additional information received by legislation committees relating to Estimates 2001-02 was tabled [see [Journals entries 18-19](#)]

### Reports tabled

- *Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) Bill 2002*—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee—65<sup>th</sup> annual report [2001]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 4 of 2002 and [4th report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 3](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Treaties Joint Committee—[44th and 45th Reports](#)
- [Workplace Relations](#) Amendment bills [five bills]—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) in committee membership

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

### Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while 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]

### Reporting dates

*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 relating to an extension of time to 11 June 2002 for the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD to present its advisory report on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002

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

- 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 ▶](#)

### Regulation disallowed

The Senate *agreed 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*

See the *Documents* section for details of instruments tabled

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) without debate about the Dalai Lama's visit to Australia—moved by Senator Brown

## Notices of motion

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

## Ministerial statement

The Special Minister of State made and tabled a ministerial statement about the independence of East Timor

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Sherry gave a notice of motion to require a report to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority by the Inspector of KPMG into the Enhanced Cash Management Trust and its dealings with superannuation funds where Commercial Nominess of Australia was trustee, to be tabled (on the next day of sitting)

### *Documents tabled*

- Letters of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as amended 27 September 2001*) for [two agencies](#) were tabled—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

## Petitions

No petitions were received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Address-in-Reply–Debate on the Address-in-Reply continued with [an amendment](#) moved by the Australian Democrats agreed to
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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