



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 16 May 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.31pm

Privilege

The Senate agreed to refer to the Committee of Privileges a [matter of privilege](#) concerning the alleged improper interference with a witness before the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident

Budget 2002-03

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The Opposition, Australian Democrats and Pauline Hanson's One Nation made responses to the Budget statement and documents

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2002
Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002
Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]

Bill restored

A motion (moved by Senator Brown) to restore the Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament-Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) to the *Notice Paper* was agreed to [to enable consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament]

The following bills were considered

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate continued
Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

Without amendments

Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Financial Corporation (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002–
The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill
without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee relating to Additional Estimates 2001-02 was tabled
(volumes 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- *Airports Amendment Bill 2002*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Legislation Committee
- *Outsourcing of the Australian Customs Service's Information Technology*–Legal
and Constitutional References Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- *Australian Legal Aid System*–Third Report–Legal and Constitutional References
Committee
- *Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority: Matters relating to ARCAS
Airways*–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- *Brisbane Airport Corporation's Master Plan*–Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport References Committee
- *Privacy in the Information Society*–Information Technologies Select Committee

Document tabled

*Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential
Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002*–Erratum–Legal and
Constitutional Legislation Committee

Membership

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

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- Legal and Constitutional Reference Committee–The introduction of quota
management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry–to report by 27 June 2002

Reporting dates

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

- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism)
Bill 2002–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–18 June 2002

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—18 June 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Fuel Quality Standards Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 236 and made under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*.

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Aboriginal reconciliation](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Chronic Fatigue Syndrome](#)—Treatment guidelines—moved by Senator Allison
- [De facto couples](#)—settlement of property issues—moved by Senator Greig
- [East Timor independence](#)—moved by Senator Bourne
- [MV Tampa captain retirement](#)—Arne Rinnan—moved by Senator Allison
- [Ruth Cracknell](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

Motions defeated

The Senate disagreed to motions about:

- [Global warming](#)—Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change—moved by Senator Allison
- [Iraq—Military action](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Mogo charcoal plant](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Sandon Point](#) housing development—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed that the 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 Nominees of Australia was trustee, be tabled (on the next day of sitting)

Notices of motion given

- Senator Bartlett gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Health and Ageing to table a copy of the colony visit reports written relating to the recent visits of the Animal Welfare Committee to the National Health and Medical Research Council primate colonies (no later than 3.30pm on Monday 24 June 2002)
- Senator Bartlett gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table copies of all permit applications, permit decisions and permits issued, together with any conditions imposed, made in accordance with regulation 18 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983, made in accordance with the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (at the end of each quarter after this order is agreed to)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 50 of 2001-2002—A preliminary examination into the allocation of grant funding for the co-location of national general practice organisations
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Innovating rural Australia: Research and development corporation outcomes, 2001—Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- [Address-in-reply](#)—The Senate agreed to the Address-in-reply, with an amendment. [The address will be presented to the Governor-General at a later date]
- Adjournment debate

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