



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 16 September 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.29pm

Senate vacancy

Resignation of Senator Herron

The President announced the resignation, on 5 September 2002, of Senator Herron and advised the Senate that, pursuant to section 21 of the Constitution, the Governor-General had notified the Governor of Queensland that there was a vacancy in the representation of that state

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) Bill 2002
New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002

The following bills were considered

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—committee of the whole continued (1 Australian Greens [amendment](#) agreed to, 5 Opposition [amendments](#) pending)
Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued [a [second reading amendment](#) on a matter of policy moved by the Opposition is to be determined]

No bills were passed

Bills assented to

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

Documents tabled

- ❑ Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002—the Acting Deputy President tabled a letter to the Clerk of the Senate from the Group Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group, Australian National Audit Office—in response to the resolution of the Senate of 29 August 2002. Senator Ludwig moved that the Senate take note of the document.
- ❑ Replacement explanatory memoranda relating to the Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and the Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Bill 2002

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

Committees

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

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Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership (see *Journals* entries [26](#) and [33](#))

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- ❑ Tax arrangements for superannuation and related policy—Superannuation Select Committee—14 November 2002

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—17 September 2002 from 6.30pm
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—19 September 2002 from 4 pm to 10 pm
- ❑ Superannuation Select Committee—19 September 2002 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Delegated legislation

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

Regulations disallowed

The Senate *agreed to disallow* [various regulations](#) made under the *Corporations Act 2001*

The Senate debated a motion to disallow Regulation 9A.20—Wildlife trade operations and management plans, in item [2] of Schedule 1 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 327 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Act 2001*. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the regulation.

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) without debate about the Specific Learning Difficulties Association of New South Wales—moved by Senator Allison

Motion defeated

An [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Brown relating to human rights in China and Tibet was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion debated

The Senate debated a [motion](#), moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, that the order of the Senate of 25 March 1999 relating to an order for the production of periodic reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on private health insurance, be amended to vary the reporting requirements. Debate adjourned.

Statement by Parliamentary Secretary

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for the production of documents concerning financial information on higher education institutions. Senators [Campbell](#), [Carr](#), [Faulkner](#), [Ludwig](#) and [Mackay](#) also made statements relating to the matter

Documents tabled

- Statements of compliance relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, amended 27 September 2001*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled
- [Statements](#) of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, amended 3 December 1998*) for Attorney General's Department and Attorney General's portfolio agencies were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 7 of 2002-03—Performance audit—Client service in the Child Support Agency—Follow-up audit: Department of Family and Community Services
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

- ❑ Letter to the President of the Senate from the Executive General Manager, Sales and Marketing, Qantas, relating to the carriage of wheelchairs, in response to the resolution of the Senate of 21 August 2002

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President tabled a warrant nominating Senator Bolkus as an additional temporary chair of committees
- ❑ [Personal explanation](#)—Minister for Family and Community Services
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the construction of external waste enclosures in Commonwealth Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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