

# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 18 November 2002

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.29pm

## Change in sitting hours

The Senate agreed to a variation in [sitting hours](#) and routine of business for 2 December 2002

## Legislation

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

### No bills were introduced in the Senate

#### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review and Other Matters) Bill 2002—committee of the whole completed (1 Opposition [request for an amendment](#) agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the request made by the Senate to this bill]
- ❑ Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued [The Australian Democrats moved an [amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued [together with debate on the [Opposition's amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

#### The following bills were passed

##### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002
- ❑ Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002 [The Senate considered a message from the House of Representatives reporting that the House had not made the amendment requested and pressed by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to further press its request for an amendment not made by the House.]
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) Amendment Bill 2002



#### *With amendments*

- ❑ Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment Bill 2002–(1 Australian Democrat and 3 Opposition amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

#### **Notice of motion given to introduce a bill**

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill]

#### **Bills assented to**

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

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 [▶](#)

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

### **Committees**

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

For committee reports click here [▶](#)

#### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Administration of parliamentary security–Appropriations and Staffing Committee–37<sup>th</sup> Report [The Senate agreed to endorse the resolutions at paragraph 3.1 of the report and approve the proposals for the reorganisation of the security function in Parliament House]
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2002–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Procedure Committee–Second Report of 2002–Chairs and quorums in committees: Adjournment debate on Tuesdays
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for Victorian Workers) Bill 2002–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

#### **Membership**

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

#### **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–last sitting day in 2002
- ❑ Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–3 December 2002

#### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–19 November 2002–to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—4 March 2003
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—22 November 2002
- ❑ Urban water management—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—5 December 2002

**Notices of motion**

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

**Orders for the production of documents**

*Motion agreed to*

The Senate [ordered](#) 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)—moved by Senator McLucas

*Motion defeated*

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Allison to require the production of documents relating to Victoria’s bid for the Commonwealth Games was defeated

*Notice of motion given*

Senator Conroy gave notice of a [motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Treasurer and the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, in accordance with their respective ministerial responsibilities, to table certain Treasury files and files of the Insurance and Superannuation Commission in relation to the insurance industry (by 2 December 2002)

*Statements by Parliamentary Secretary*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made statements concerning the following orders for the production of documents:

- ❑ [Australian services markets](#)—Increased access—[order](#) of 14 November 2002 (moved by Senators Cherry and Ridgeway)—The statement indicated that the Government will not comply with the order. The Senate [took note](#) of the statement.
- ❑ [Australia’s live animal export trade](#)—Welfare record—[order](#) of 11 November 2002 (moved by Senator Bartlett)—The statement indicated that the Government would comply with the order in the next sitting fortnight (starts 2 December 2002)
- ❑ [Nathan Dam](#) on the Fitzroy River, Queensland—[order](#) of 11 November 2002 (moved by Senator Bartlett)—The statement indicated that the Government would comply with the order as soon as possible

*Notice of motion withdrawn*

Senator Sherry withdrew his notice proposing an [order](#) for the production of documents relating to the evaluation of the ‘Living in Harmony’ initiative—given on 11 November 2002

## Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator O'Brien asked the Minister representing the Treasurer for an explanation of an answer not being provided to a question relating to the drought investment allowance. The Minister provided an [explanation](#) and the Senate took note of the explanation.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
  - [NAIDOC Week](#) ([agreed](#) to 20 August 2002)
  - [United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) ([agreed](#) to 26 September 2002)

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

No petitions were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Adjournment debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time

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