

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 18 September 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.26pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002

The following bills were considered

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002 and a related bill—committee of the whole continued ([5 Opposition amendments](#) agreed to)

The following bill was passed

With amendments

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—(1 Opposition amendment agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

Notice of motion given

To introduce a bill

Kyoto Protocol (Ratification) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by Senator Brown [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

Committees

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Estimates

Erratum tabled

An erratum to additional information received by the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Budget estimates 2002-03—vol. 2) was tabled



Reports tabled

- Legislation committees—[Reports](#) on annual reports referred to committees
- *RAAF Base Williamstown redevelopment stage 1 and facilities for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft*—2nd report of 2002—Public Works Joint Committee
- *Review of independent auditing by registered company auditors*—391st report—Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2002 and [10th report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 8](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- *Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002*—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Senator Eggleston to replace Senator Heffernan for consideration of the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002 on Thursday 19 September 2002

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—The refusal of the Minister for Education, Science and Training to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for documents relating to financial information concerning higher education, and the justification for that refusal—to report by the fifth sitting day of February 2003

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

Reporting dates

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

- Public liability and professional indemnity insurance—Economics References Committee—22 October 2002

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—24 October 2002
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2002—Superannuation Select Committee—16 October 2002

Ministerial statement on Iraq

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Minister for Defence to take note of [a statement](#) he made relating to Iraq and weapons of mass destruction. [An amendment](#) to the motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition was also agreed to.

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ The National Review of [Nursing Education](#) 2002 report, *Our Duty of Care*—moved by Senator Stott Despoja (without debate)
- ❑ [Australian sugar industry](#)—urgency motion moved by Senator O'Brien (with debate)

Motions defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Harradine about Chinese Premier Li Peng's visit to Australia was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Amendment to order agreed to

The Senate agreed to [amend the order](#) requiring the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to produce periodic reports (*order agreed to 25 March 1999*)—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

Documents tabled

- ❑ Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice [for various agencies](#) were tabled (*order agreed to 20 June 2001 and amended 27 September 2001*)
- ❑ 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 various agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Report No. 9 of 2002-2003—Business support process audit—The Senate order for department and agency contracts
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President tabled a warrant nominating Senator Brandis as an additional temporary chair of committees
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about unparliamentary language and a matter raised by Senator Brown on 16 September 2002
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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