



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 19 August 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 10.16pm

## New senators sworn in

Certificates of election for [senators](#) elected on 10 November 2001 to serve in the Senate from 1 July 2002 were tabled. The senators made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance.

## Election of officers

[Senator Calvert](#) was proposed and elected President of the Senate. [Senator Hogg](#) was elected as Deputy President and Chair of Committees.

## Legislation

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

### The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Research Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

### The following bills were considered

*Second reading debate continued on the following bills*

Marriage Amendment Bill 2002—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (3 Democrat [amendments](#) to be determined)  
Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

### The following bill was defeated at the third reading

Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2002

### No bills were passed

### Bills assented to

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

### Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when provisions of particular Acts would commence

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 the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee relating to the additional estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volume 2 and attachments and volume 3)

### Reports tabled

The following reports have been presented since the last sitting of the Senate:

- *Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002*—Government Amendments—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- *Taxation treatment of overseas superannuation transfers*—Superannuation Select Committee

### Government responses to committee reports

The following government responses to committee reports have been presented since the last sitting of the Senate:

- *Air safety and cabin air quality in the BAe 146 aircraft*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- *Education of gifted children*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee

### Membership

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

### Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—20 August 2002 from 4.30pm to 8.00pm

### Notices of motion given

#### *To establish a new select committee*

- Possible Support by Australia of a United States Invasion of Iraq—Select Committee—to report by 1 December 2002

#### *To hold a private deliberative meeting with members of a State parliamentary committee*

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—21 August 2002 from 8.00am to 9.30am, with members of the Regulation Review Committee of the New South Wales Parliament in attendance

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- ❑ Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–22 August 2002
- ❑ Certain Maritime Incident–Select Committee–25 September 2002
- ❑ Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002–Economics Legislation Committee–27 August 2002

## Delegated legislation

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

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 323 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. The Senate agreed *not* to disallow the regulations.

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

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [mobile phone towers](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett

## Motion defeated

An [urgency motion](#) moved by Senator Stott Despoja on the need for the Australian Government to rule out committing Australia to supporting a first strike against Iraq unless there is evidence of an imminent attack by Iraq on another nation was defeated

## Notices of motion

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

## Ministerial statement

The Leader of the Government in the Senate informed the Senate of changes to the [Howard Ministry](#)

## Orders for the production of documents

*Documents tabled*

- ❑ Statement of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period January to 30 June 2002 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the International Air Services Commission–presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- ❑ Copies of material held by Geoscience Australia relating to research or exploration proposals in the North East region (*order agreed to 26 June 2002*). The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made [a statement](#) relating to the order.
- ❑ Greenhouse gas emissions (*order agreed to 26 June 2002*)–[various documents](#)–presented since the last sitting of the Senate

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Reports [Nos 64 to 67](#) of 2001-2002 and [Nos 1 to 3](#) of 2002-2003–presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report [No. 4](#) of 2002-2003–Audit activity report: January to June 2002: Summary of outcomes
- ❑ Business of the Senate: 1 January to 30 June 2002
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ *Odgers' Australian Senate Practice*–Supplement to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition–updates to 30 June 2002
- ❑ Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Brisbane, 1 to 4 July 2002–Report by the President of the Senate–presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Questions on notice summary: 12 February to 30 June 2002

## Petitions

[6 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ The President advised the Senate of the death of Mr John Brooke Howse MP (Calare, New South Wales)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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