



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 19 March 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 11.43pm

Privilege

The Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges gave [notice of a motion](#) relating to the desirability and efficacy of engaging counsel to represent the Senate in court and other tribunal proceedings on questions involving parliamentary privilege affecting the Senate or senators

Hours of meeting

A [notice of motion](#) was given to vary the hours of meeting on Wednesday, 20 March 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

Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002—second reading debate continued [the Australian Democrats moved a second reading [amendment](#) expressing a view about the bill's policy]

No bills were passed

Notices of motion given

To introduce bills

Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill 2002—Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2001-2002
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2001-2002
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002
Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002
Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002
Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002
Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) Bill 2002
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2002
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Bill 2002
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) 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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Estimates

Report tabled

- 2001-02 Additional Estimates–Economics Legislation Committee

Membership

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

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs References Committee–21 March 2002 from 3.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into nursing

To refer a bill and matters to committees

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 22 April 2002
- Small business employment–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 19 November 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

Notice of a motion was given to disallow the Health Insurance Determination HS/5/01, made under section 3C of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and published in the Commonwealth *Gazette* of 30 October 2001–on 21 March 2002–by Senator Evans

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [National Library of Australia—exhibition](#)—moved by Senator Tiernay
- ❑ [Community Development Employment Projects Achievement Awards](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Burma](#)—moved by Senator Bourne

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Brown relating to power lines in Victoria was defeated

Censure motion

Senator Heffernan made [a statement](#) to apologise for remarks made on 12 March 2002 concerning a judge of the High Court of Australia. [The Senate agreed](#) to censure Senator Heffernan and the Prime Minister in relation to the matter.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Bartlett gave a [notice of motion](#) that all documents used by Environment Australia as part of the assessment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity and Conservation Act of the proposed Paradise Dam be tabled no later than 4pm on 21 March 2002

Documents tabled

- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry made a [statement](#) in response to orders of the Senate agreed to on 12 and 14 March 2002 relating to the Lucas Heights reactor, and tabled [various documents](#) in relation to those orders
- ❑ Letters of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as 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 July to 31 December 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 37 of 2001-02–Performance audit–Purchase of hospital services from state governments: Follow-up audit–Department of Veterans’ Affairs
- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 38 of 2001-02–Performance audit–Management of Australian Defence Force deployments to East Timor–Department of Defence
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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