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Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 19 November 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.35pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[This bill will now be assented to]

- Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance–Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002

With amendments

- Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002 (4 Government and 2 Australian Democrat amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

Bill negated at second reading

- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002– [The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments nos 1, 2, 3 and 6 and 7 made by the Senate, and disagreed to amendments nos 4 and 5. The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendments to which the House had disagreed. This bill will now be assented to.]

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

Delegated legislation

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Committees

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Changes to standing orders relating to committees

The Senate [agreed to recommendations](#) of the Procedure Committee in its Second Report of 2002 concerning chairs and quorums in committees

Estimates

Additional information tabled

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 3 and 4)

Report tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest [No. 14](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Membership

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

Public meeting

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

- Economics Legislation Committee–19 November 2002 from 4pm–to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- 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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [East Timorese asylum seekers](#)–moved by Senators Crossin, Bartlett, Brown and Nettle
- [Ingrid Betancourt and Clara Rojas](#)–captives of the FARC, Columbia–moved by Senator Brown

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle on the Greater Sunrise Gas Field and the Timor Sea Treaty was defeated

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](#) 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 relating to the collapse of the HIH group of companies, and files of the Insurance and Superannuation Commission, in relation to the insurance industry (by 2 December 2002)—moved by Senator Conroy

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Justice and Customs made a [statement](#) indicating that the Government will not comply with the [order](#) of the Senate of 18 November 2002 for the tabling of the document 'Review of the Implementation of Oceans Policy'. Senator Ludwig made a related [statement](#).

Question on notice–failure to provide answers

Senator Allison asked the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions relating to the heritage values of Commonwealth properties. The Senate [took note](#) of the minister's failure to provide either answers or an explanation.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Department of Transport and Regional Services—Report for 2001-02—Erratum
- [Government documents](#)

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- The Senate adopted a temporary standing order relating to the adjournment debate on Tuesdays, to operate until the last sitting day in 2003
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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