



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 20 March 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.48pm

## Privilege

The Senate agreed to refer to the Committee of Privileges a matter 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

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

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

### The following bill was considered

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002—committee of the whole completed (1 Government [amendment](#) agreed to)

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2002  
[The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

#### *With amendments*

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002—[4 Democrat](#) and [6 Opposition](#) amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

**The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order** [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

### **Notices of motion given**

*To introduce bills*

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002–

Notice of motion given by Senator Bartlett [Private senator's bill]

Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2002–Notice of motion given by Senator Greig [Private senator's bill]

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

## **Committees**

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

[For committee reports click here](#) 

### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest](#) No. 3 of 2002 and [3rd report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 2](#) of 2002 (tabled, amended and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ *Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 1) 2002* and *Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002*–Economics Legislation Committee

### **Membership**

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

### **New inquiries**

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Public liability insurance–Impact on small business and community and sporting organisations–Economics References Committee–to report by 27 August 2002
- ❑ Small business employment–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 19 November 2002

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

### **Notice of motion withdrawn**

Senator Bartlett withdrew his notice of motion to refer the Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002 to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

### **Meetings**

#### *Public meetings*

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

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

### **Notices of motion given**

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

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—21 March 2002 from 4.00pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the *Motor Vehicles Standards Act 1989* and Regulations

#### *To hold a public hearing*

- Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002, the Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], and the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002

#### *To refer a matter to a committee*

- Australian Public Service recruitment and training—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 12 December 2002

## **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Notice of motion given**

Notice of motion was given to disallow the Fuel Quality Standards Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 236 and made under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*—15 sitting days after today—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Arrest of Australians–China](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Dress code–media representatives and advisers](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Mental illness](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [Princess Margaret Hospital–magnetic resonance imaging](#)–moved by Senator Cook
- ❑ [Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games](#)–moved by the Minister for the Arts and Sport

## 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 for Defence to table various documents about the health effects of nuclear testing (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 20 March 2002)–motion moved by Senator Allison. The Special Minister of State made a [statement](#) relating to that order.

### *Documents*

- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled
- ❑ 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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Commonwealth Parliamentary Association–Report of the delegation to the 47<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Australia, 2 to 14 September 2001
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone–proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to temporary works associated with the National Capital Canberra 400 V8 Supercar race carnival, 7-9 June 2002. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.
- ❑ Portugal and Spain official visits–Report on the visits–13 to 18 January 2002

## Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

<b>Also in the Senate yesterday</b>
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Senate agreed to vary the hours of meeting on Wednesday, 20 March 2002
- ❑ [First speech](#)—Senator Guy Barnett
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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