

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 22 October 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.00pm

Legislation

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No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was passed

Without amendments

[This bill will now be assented to]

- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2002

Notice of motion given

To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2]

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

Delegated legislation

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Motion for disallowance

The Senate debated a motion to disallow Standard 9: Employment conditions, in item 9 of Schedule 1 of the Disability Services (Disability Employment and Rehabilitation Program) Standards 2002, made under paragraphs 5A (1)(b) and (c) and subsection 5A (2) of the *Disability Services Act 1986*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the Standard.

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by Senator Greig to withdraw a notice to disallow the Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 144 and made under the *Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act 1989*

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



Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 1 to 3) was tabled

Reports tabled

- A review of public liability and professional indemnity insurance—Economics References Committee
- Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee
- Privileges Committee—109th report—Person referred to in the Senate (Mr Tony Kevin) (report adopted and a reply from the person adversely commented on in the Senate was included in [Hansard](#))

Meetings

Public meeting

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—22 October 2002 from 7.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

Reporting dates

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

- Australian meat industry and export quotas—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—13 November 2002
- Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2000 and a related bill—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—23 October 2002
- Urban water management—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—19 November 2002

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—11 November 2002 from 7.15pm and 2 December 2002 from 7.15pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the conduct of the 2001 federal election

To extend reporting deadlines

- Education of students with disabilities—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—5 December 2002
- Small business employment—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—12 December 2002

To refer a matter to a committee

- Areas of skills shortage and labour demand in different areas and locations, with particular emphasis on projecting future skills requirements, and [related matters](#)—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in June 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [Australia's involvement in possible military action against Iraq](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [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
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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