

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 25 September 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.34pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002
- National Gallery Amendment Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

- Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Matters) Bill 2002–second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

With amendments

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) Bill 2002–(1 Opposition and 4 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#); 1 item and 1 Schedule omitted) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following bill was defeated at the third reading

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2002

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Dairy Industry Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

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

Delegated legislation

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

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- Participation requirements and penalties in the social security system [Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues]–Community Affairs References Committee*
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest](#) No. 10 of 2002 and [11th report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]*
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 9](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]*

Membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Byrne has been appointed to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

New inquiries

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

Meeting

Public meeting

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

- Economics Legislation Committee–14 October 2002 from 5pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002*

Reporting dates

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

- A Certain Maritime Incident–Select Committee–23 October 2002*
- Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and a related bill–Economics Legislation Committee–22 October 2002*
- Forestry plantations–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–last sitting day in August 2003*
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–21 October 2002*

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—23 October 2002 from 11am to 12.30pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into central Europe

To request annual reporting from the Commonwealth Ombudsman

- Community Affairs References Committee—the Commonwealth Ombudsman to be requested to report annually (at least for the next five years) to the committee on the operation of the social security breaches and penalties system and that the committee publish such reports

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [International Criminal Court](#)—urgency motion moved by Senator Greig
- [Maternity services](#)—moved by Senator Allison (without debate)

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](#) that certain documents concerning the Nelly Bay Harbour project be tabled no later than 4pm on 24 October 2002—motion moved by Senator Bartlett

Documents tabled

The Minister for Health and Ageing [tabled documents](#) relating to the Honeymoon trial mine in response to a motion moved by Senator Allison on 23 September 2002

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Military action against Iraq—Letter to the President from the Prime Minister responding to the [Senate resolution](#) of 21 August 2002

Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Statement by the President on unparliamentary language
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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