



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 26 June 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.10pm

Hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to [vary the hours](#) of sitting on 26 and 27 June 2002

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer gave a [notice of motion](#) concerning the hours of sitting on 19 August 2002

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

International Criminal Court Bill 2002

International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002

The following bills were considered

Border Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued

Criminal Code Amendment (Suppression of Terrorist Bombings) Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued

Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2]—(7 Government amendments (2 amended by 8 Opposition) agreed to; 1 Opposition amendment agreed to; 1 section omitted—committee of the whole completed [see *Journals* entries [4](#) and [37](#)]

Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002—[committee of the whole](#) continued (14 Government amendments agreed to; 1 Opposition amendment agreed to; 1 part omitted; 1 Australian Greens amendment to be determined)

Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued

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

International Criminal Court Bill 2002

International Criminal Court (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002

Notice of motion given

Notice of motion to exempt the Migration Legislation Amendment (Procedural Fairness) Bill 2002 from certain provisions of standing order 111 was given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

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

- 2002-03 Budget estimates—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to additional estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volumes 1 to 3)

Reports tabled

- *Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme Amendment Bill 2002*—Economics Legislation Committee
- *The introduction of quota management controls on Australian beef exports to the United States by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [*and see* notices of motion]
- *New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002*—Economics Legislation Committee
- *Nursing—The patient profession: Time for action*—Community Affairs References Committee
- Privileges Committee—102nd Report (a motion was moved to take note of the report)
- Privileges Committee—103rd Report (a motion was moved to endorse certain findings of the report)
- Privileges Committee—104th Report (a motion was moved to endorse the finding at paragraph 65)
- Privileges Committee—105th Report ([a motion](#) was moved to endorse the finding at paragraph 22)
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 6 of 2002 and [6th](#) and [7th](#) reports of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 5](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Proposed changes to resolutions relating to declarations of senators' interests and gifts to the Senate and the Parliament (Report 2/2002). A [notice of motion](#) was given relating to the resolutions contained in the report.
- *Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002*—Economics Legislation Committee

Government response to President's report tabled

The Government response to the schedule of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports tabled by the President of the Senate on 15 February 2002, was tabled

Documents tabled

- Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation (March to June 2002)
- Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Register of Senators' Interests incorporating statements of interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 7 December 2001 and 24 June 2002
- Treaties Joint Committee—Statement on the 46th Report

Membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Ms Hall would replace Mr Melham on the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- Government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—to report by 1 July 2002 [*and see Meetings*]

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

Meetings

Public meeting

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

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—27 June 2002 from 9 to 11am to take evidence for the committee's inquiry on proposed government amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and a related bill

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Statutory powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—22 August 2002

To refer matters to committees

- Commonwealth government department contracting-out arrangements and the payment of the superannuation guarantee—Superannuation Select Committee—to report by 26 September 2002
- Government advisory structures in the Australian meat industry and the allocation of export quotas for Australian meat—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 31 October 2002

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja to refer a matter to the Privileges Standing Committee was withdrawn

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about the [death of Mr Clifford Tjapaltjarri](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

- The Senate [agreed](#) that documents held by Geosciences Australia relating to research or exploration proposals in the Queensland and Townsville troughs by overseas interests after 1990, be tabled no later than 4pm on 19 August 2002—motion moved by Senator Bartlett
- The Senate [agreed](#) that certain documents relating to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions be tabled no later than 2pm on 27 June 2002—motion moved by Senator Brown

Notice of motion given

Senator Sherry gave a [notice of motion](#) that the advice by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority to the Assistant Treasurer under section 230A of the *Superannuation Industry Superannuation Act 1993*, be tabled on the next day of sitting

Statement by Minister

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a [statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2002 concerning the study of the preliminary evaluation of the construction site for the replacement research reactor at Lucas Heights

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Sherry asked the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer for an explanation of answers not being provided to questions on notice nos 303 to 307 relating to superannuation. The Minister indicated that an explanation would be provided.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Report No. 62 of 2001-2002–Benchmarking the finance function: Follow-on report: Benchmarking study
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate–Register of Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests, for the period 7 December 2001 to 24 June 2002
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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