

# Senate Daily Summary

## Tuesday 27 August 2002

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.58pm

### Legislation

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

**No bills were introduced in the Senate**

### The following bill was considered

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002—committee of the whole continued ([11 Democrat amendments](#) agreed to and [1 Green amendment](#) pending)

### Committees

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

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### Estimates

#### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the following committee was tabled:  
Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2002-03

### Reports tabled

- ❑ *New Zealand/Australia Committee Exchange Program: Visit by the committees to New Zealand from 15 to 17 April 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation and References Committees*
- ❑ *Privileges Committee—Report No [106](#)—Possible improper interference with a witness before the Senate Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident*
- ❑ *Privileges Committee—Report No [107](#)—Parliamentary privilege, precedents, procedures and practice in the Australian Senate 1966-2002, together with Advices to the Senate Committee of Privileges from the Clerk of the Senate and senior counsel March 1988 to April 2002*
- ❑ *Public Works Joint Committee—1<sup>st</sup> Report of 2002—Common use infrastructure on Christmas Island*
- ❑ *Space Activities Amendment Bill 2002—Economics Legislation Committee*



## Membership

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

## New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Progress towards national reconciliation, including an examination of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Commonwealth Government's response to, and implementation of, the recommendations contained in [various documents](#)—to report by March 2003

## Meetings

### *Public meetings*

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to take evidence for the Committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Research Involving Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002—[various days](#) in August and September from 3.30pm
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—28 August 2002 from 5 pm

## Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—26 September 2002
- ❑ Public liability and professional indemnity insurance—Economics References Committee—24 September 2002
- ❑ Urban water management—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—26 September 2002

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Documents tabled*

- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2002 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Letter to the President from the Prime Minister responding to a resolution of the Senate of 27 June 2002 concerning possible Australian involvement in military action against Iraq

## Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) concerning references in debate to allegations against senators
- ❑ Senator Moore made her first [speech](#)
- ❑ Government documents were discussed
- ❑ Senator Herron [announced](#) his intention to resign from the Senate
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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